ADVENTURE AWAITS

PDSD

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Roadrunner Community,

The 2020-2021 school year has definitely been one for the record books. The theme this year was Adventure Awaits and it couldn't have been more fitting. There were new changes and adventures around every corner. The COVID-19 pandemic continued to impact our school and the educational programming that we offered. At times the campus was closed and all students participated in digital learning. At other times we were able to open the campus for in-person learning. Families had the choice to stay with digital learning throughout the year, which meant our classrooms became hybrid environments with students both in person and online. This was a new and different challenge, but one that we faced with determination and perseverance.

The opportunities to learn, grow and thrive looked different this year. We weren't able to gather in groups, participate in competitive sports, or host community events. We were able to challenge our thinking, be creative with new ways of learning, and implement the use of technology in every classroom. We were fortunate to provide a device to each and every student!

2020-2021 has taught us to be flexible, adaptable, and respect the need to have a balance between academics and our social emotional wellbeing. This year we focused on showing grace to one another, being open minded with our differences, and supportive because we are in this together! We are one Roadrunner Family!

Looking ahead, there will be new adventures to come for PDSD and the position of principal. It has been my great honor and privilege to serve as principal for the past seven years and work at PDSD for a combined 16 years. To the Roadrunner community, I will miss you! I have enjoyed being part of the growth, learning and changes over the years. PDSD will forever hold a special place in my heart.

"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard." - Winnie Pooh

Once a Roadrunner, Always a Roadrunner!

CFitz

Courtney Fritz, Principal

Graduating Class of 2021 of the Phoenix Day School for the Deaf:

Please accept Dr. Kristen Rex's and my sincere congratulations on your graduation! Your persistence and hard work, even with the unique challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, has paid off and brought you to this exciting and memorable moment in your life!

As you move on to the next chapter in life remember that life holds many possibilities for those who dare to dream. Take full advantage of your skills and be a leader, whether it's furthering your education or getting your first full-time job.

Don't forget the teachers and staff at PDSD who have worked hard to give you the best education possible in order to help prepare you for the future. Take the time to say "thank you" to them.

Be proud Roadrunners! You control your future, make it exciting and purposeful!

Sincerely,

Annette Reichman

Annette Reichman
Superintendent

Kristen D. Rex

Kristen Rex
Assistant Superintendent

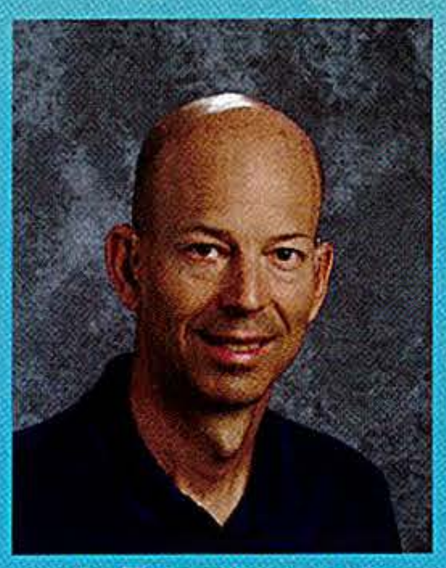
Administration

Amber Akapnitis
Assistant Principal of Student Support Services

Courtney Fritz
Principal

Jill Voit
Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction

Michelle Kelley
Student Life Supervising Teacher



Jeffrey Ploederl
Athletic Director

Administrative Professionals

Barbara Bregenzer

Belinda Carroll

Caroline Gallagher

Jane Mielenz

Leigh Rivard

Not Pictured: Veronica Luna

Library and Media

Sean Callahan

Dennis Cobb

Not Pictured: Julius Kim

Related Service

Christie Abrams

Paula DeHart

Lynn Foley

Gizelle Gilbert

Germaine Graham

Sharon Kagen

Lee Anne LaPlue

Patty Longfield

Jacqueline Mangold

Karen Mendelson

Masa Nakama

Kelly Roberson

Elisa Sedlacek

Shannon Speagle

Chi Stavros

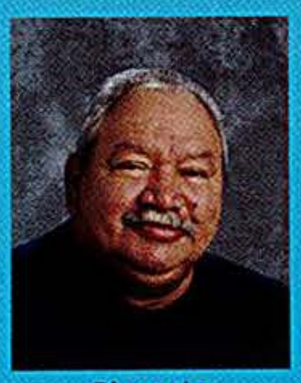
Nicole Strom

Trissan White

Erin Worden

Not Pictured: Wendy Dang, Lisa Parrone

Transition School to Work


Ricardo Camacho

Natalie Heywood

Randal Kidd

Interpreters

Marisol Aragon

Bryanna Browder

John Gover

Sarah Hill

Adriana Jimenez

Andrea Koch

Kathy Majors

Joanne Malinka

Chris Porter

Not Pictured: Vicki Bond, Brenda Byers, Stephanie DeLaCruz, Kristin Erickson, Mitchell Himes, Ana Olea, Thomas Synnott, Katie Witte

Teachers

Jacqueline Abril-Carlile

Martin Blomquist

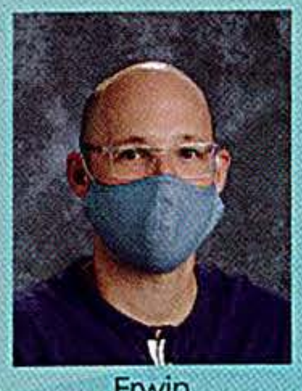
Meghan Boyle

Jill Brace

Paul Brown

Sally Burkhart

Valeria Campos


Erwin Carlson

Heather Cottrell

Kylee Craven

Julie Croft-Inskeep

Michael Gallagher

Sheri Ann Garnand

Jane Garza

Kari Gemar

Lisanna Grosso

Victoria Hinkle

David Huber

Renee Jantz

Jasmine Jeter

Mary Ann Leon

Meghan Lorentz

John Lydiate

Jessica Madsen

Scott Madsen

Abby Malone

Toni McGinn

Nicole Moots

Danielle Murray

Ariel Patterson

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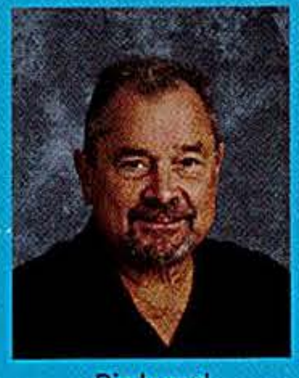
Jeanne Schroeder

Emily Schwartz

Duke Smith


Richard Suiter

Megan Tellefson

Amy Trollop

Cameron Van Zuiden

Abbie Wagoner

Stacy Weiss

Sheryl Whitehead

Gunner Woodall

Instructional Assistants and Intervenors

Jessica Andrade

LaDon Battle

Shawn Benavante

Tara Cottrell

Emily Crawford

Bonney DeLaO

Ann Dillon

Kathee Frings

Liliana Gonzalez

George Hughes

Bianica Lara

Yessica Martinez

Cam McGill

Axl Murillo

Estela Sanchez

Danika Sardella

Alberto Sifuentes

Pamela Wedlich

Not Pictured: Alexia Riff, Jonathan Terry

Substitute Staff

Paul Amann

Christopher Elsner

Justin Klein-Edgerton

Not Pictured: Darcie Forrest, Simon Ridley

Transportation Services

Transportation Administration Staff:

Diego Angeles

Randy Cleveland

Donna Daniels

Shannon Iverson

Jacki Monnat

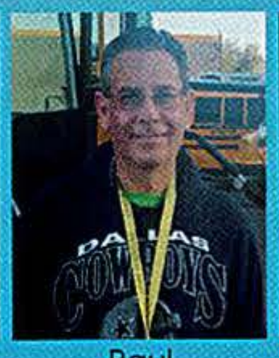
Mindy Puhala

Jim Spencer

Drivers:

John Allen

Sam Ammari


Paul Banales

Ron Binder

Aaron Brooks

Miranda Brooks

Zach Causey

Rusty Crabtree

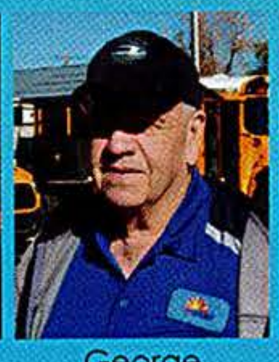
Richard Hamblin

Lucy Hernandez

Nick Kramer

Bob O'Shields

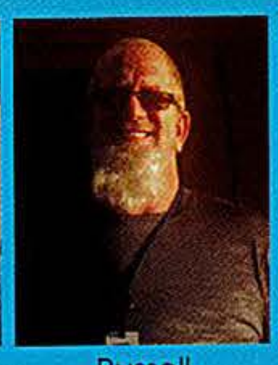
Kathy Pekin


George Robinson

Tom Thompson

Chaperones:

Melinda Biggs


Russell Bye

Rose Gillespie

Jasmine Henderson

Ramona Ibarra

Crystal Johnson

Barry Nelson

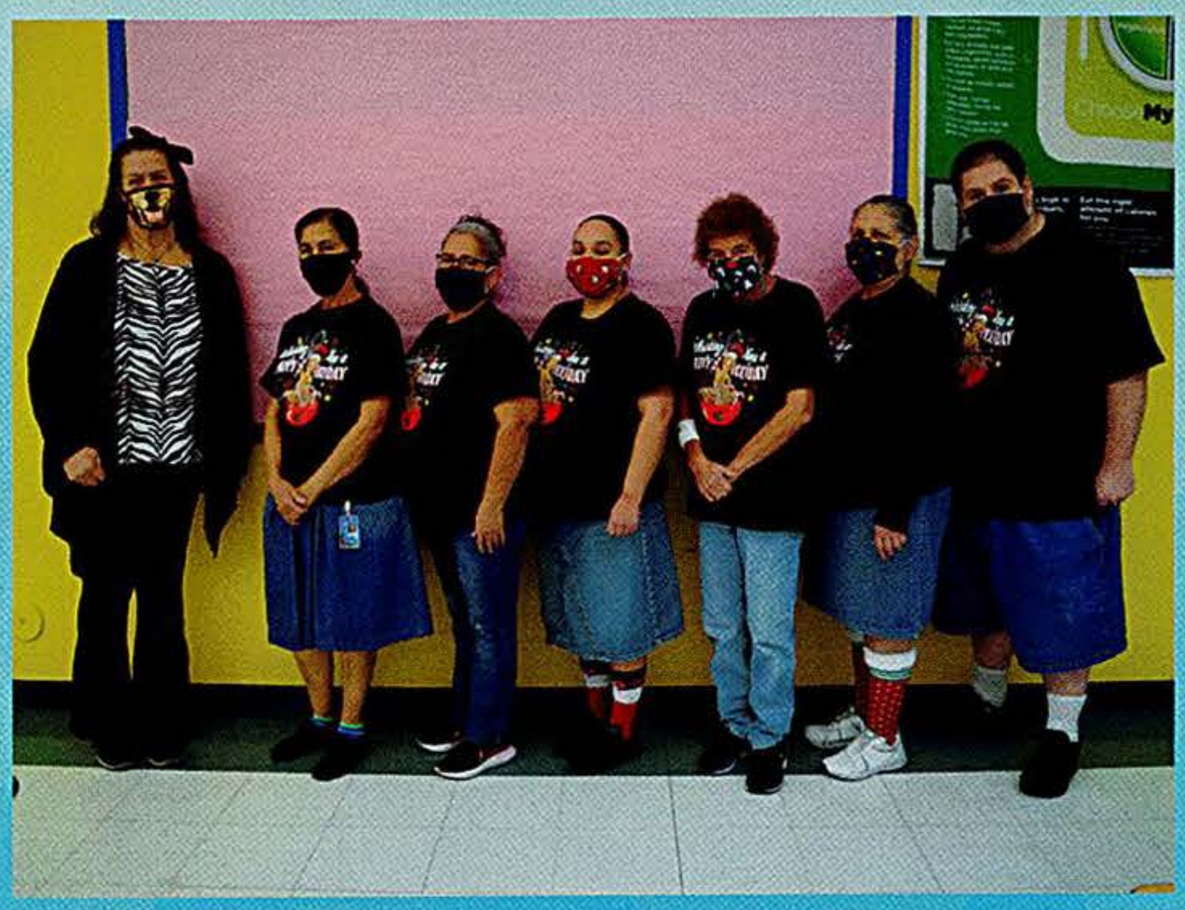
Randi Rud

Tim Turley

Not Pictured: Maria Amaya, Dan Rud, Noel Salcedo

Food Services

Left to Right: Pat Franco, Irma Cortes, Becky Urbieta, Stephanie Ramirez, Deb Rapaport, Sylvia Durate, Jon Wilson

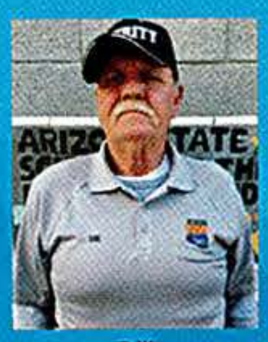


Facilities

Top: Lexton Wigman, Gerardo Dyck

Bottom: James Ragland, Jonas Camp, Jared Gray

Security



Bill Culbertson

Ron Dean

Larry Telles III

Larry Telles Jr.

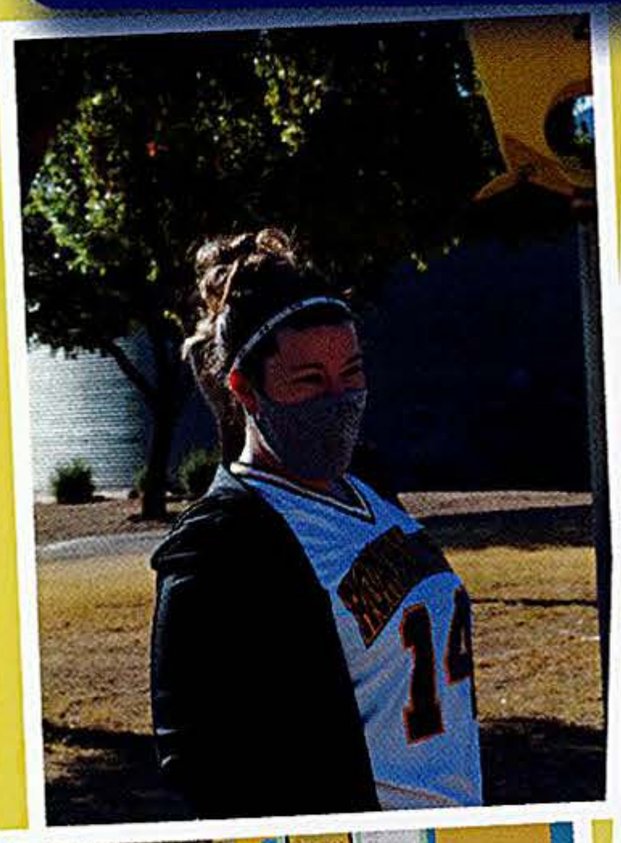
BOARDING PASS

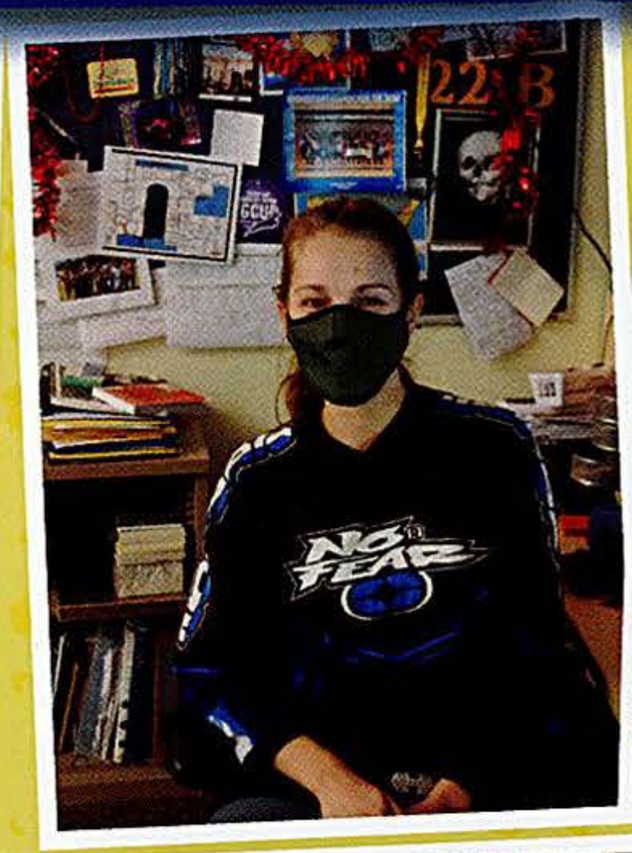
Staff in Action

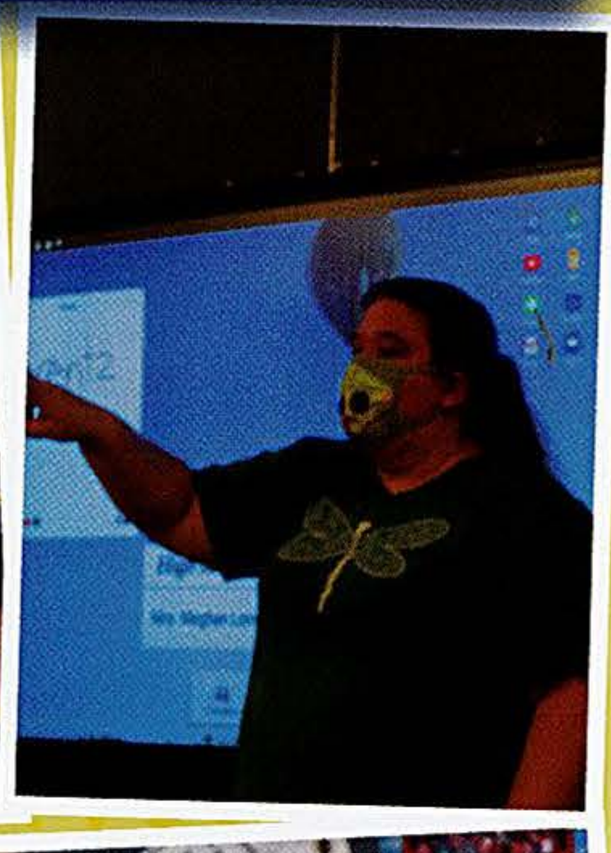
FROM:
Chicago, IL

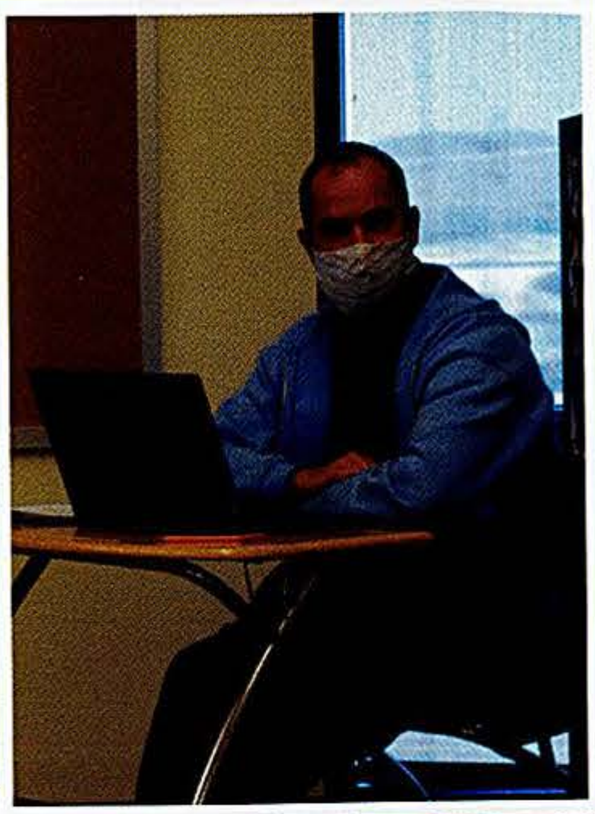
TO:
Phoenix, AZ

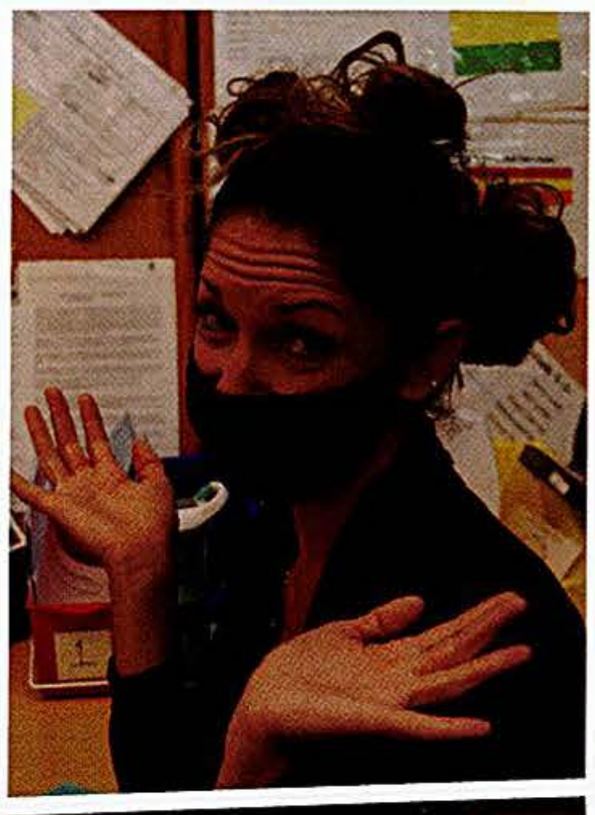
BOARDING PASS

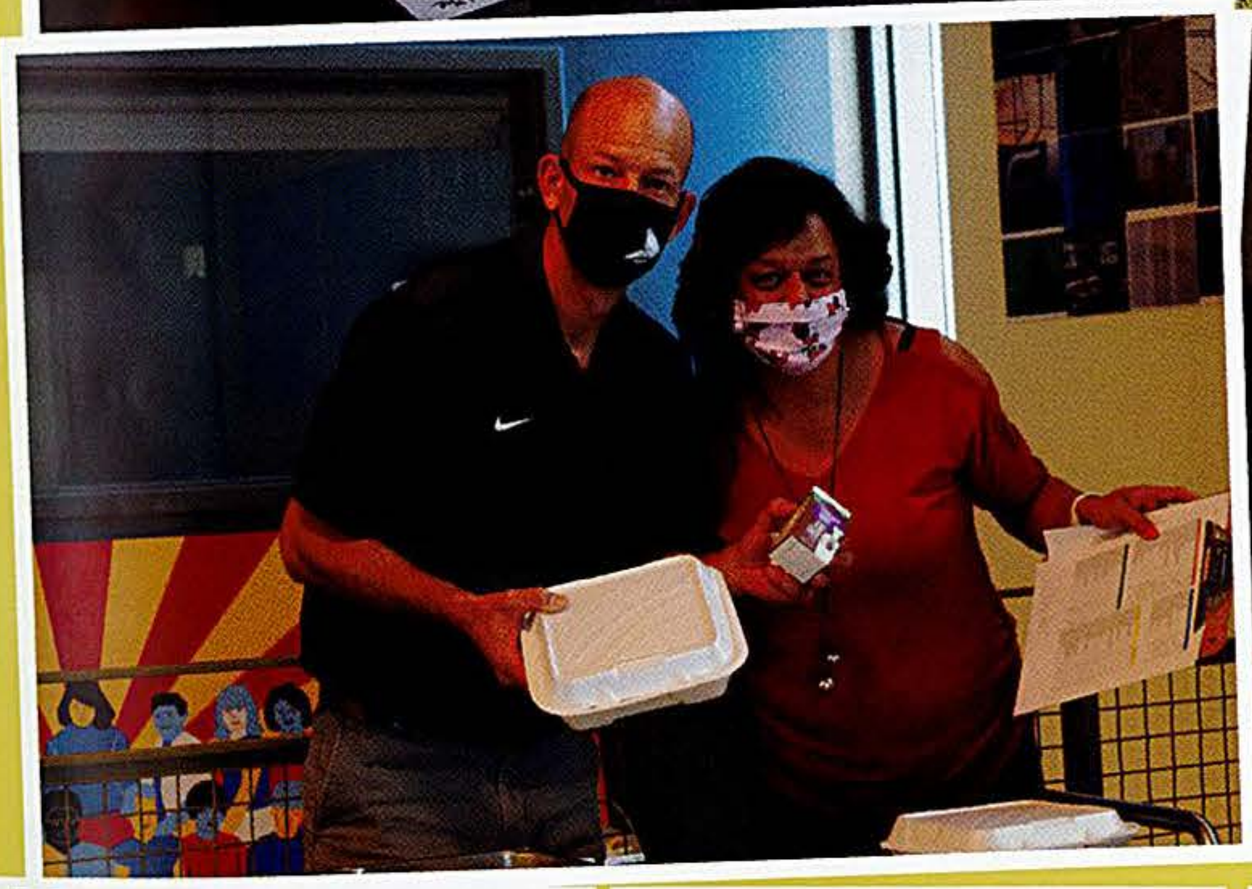


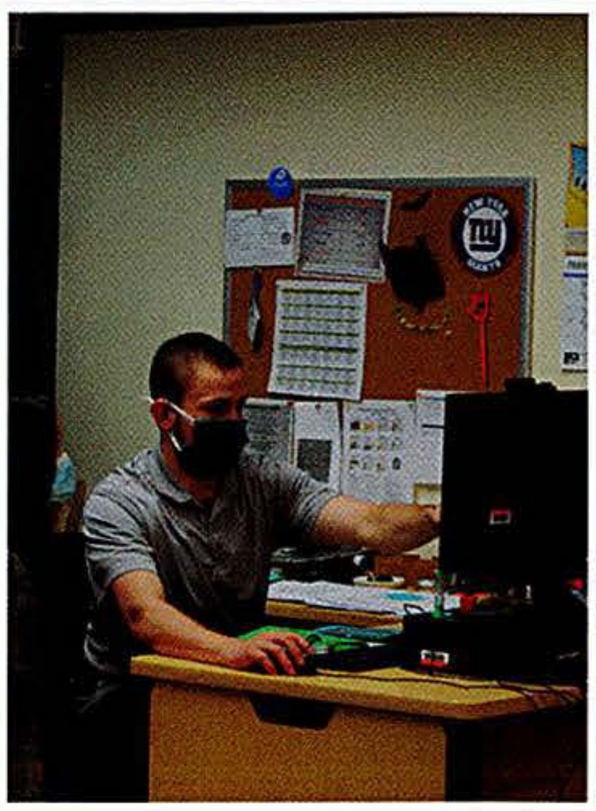












ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Kindergarten

Carter Allen

Brithany Alvarado Herrarte

Julio Andrade

Julio Arizmendi Cruz

Elizabeth Barron Esparza

Felix Del Bosque

Rosabella Kosmata

Braydenn Lewis

Elam Lopez Flores

Ariella Parra

Caleb Perez Barron

Buomkuoth Reath

Vincent Saenz

Aiden Tovar

"A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step."

– Lao Tzu

First Grade

Cindy
Castillo Canil

Maliya
Contreras

Xavier
Gardea-Zavala

Constantine
Guthrie

David
Ixcoy Roque

Karlos
Marquez Avalos

Jose
Montes Juarez

Adilynn
Montijo

Tristiam
Rivera Cartagena

Isaac
Solis Garcia

Anakin
Vega

"One way to get the most out of life is to look upon it as an adventure."

– Willam Feather

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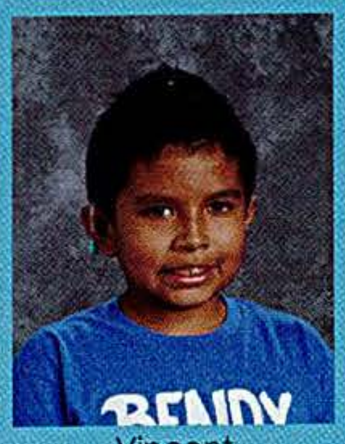
Second Grade

Emily
Bamaca Bernabe



Vincent
Camarena

Aria
Coratolo

Mackenzie
Hall

Danna
Payan-Aguirre

Rose
Rodriguez

Keira
Rogers

Maria
Sebastian Juan

Mira
Shamoun

Anna
Villegas Rodriguez

Sylvester
Wilson

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"One way to get the most out of life is to look upon it as an adventure."

— Unknown

Third Grade

Lucas Asuncion

Eric Cardenas

Addison Castro

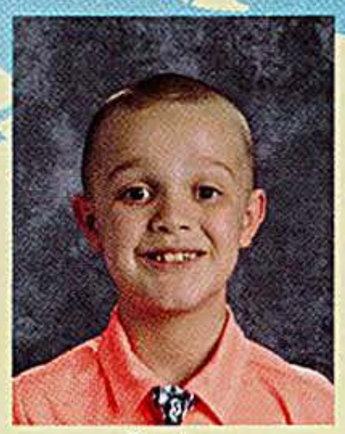
Aiden Coryell

James Costello

Espi Dashee-Reyes

Lily Fry

Brendan Moreno



Caden Mosshart

Brody Young

"If happiness is the goal – and it should be, then adventures should be a top priority."

– Richard Branson

Fourth Grade

Jorge Andrade

Kristine Carrasco Macias

Sheadon Crank

Victor Flores

Samuel Hahtatley

Alexa Hernandes

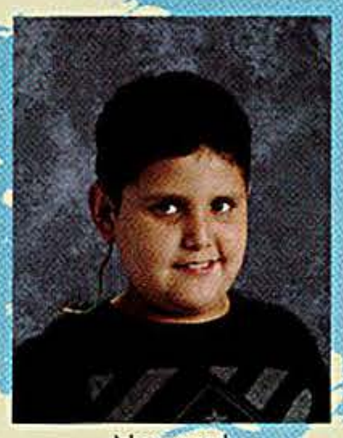
Andrew Holmes

Damarcus Johnson

Fernanda Navarro Hernandez

Jessica Ochoa Torres

Gavin Poseyesva


Nazaret Reza Ballesteros

Khloe Ross

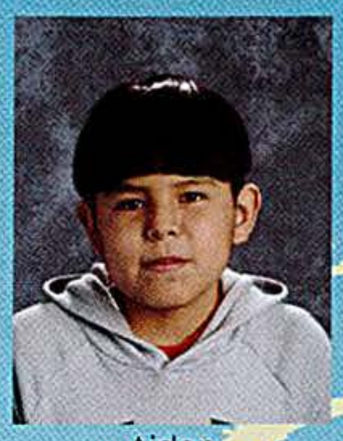
Owen Whitehead

"The journey matters more than the destination."

– Tony Fahkry

Fifth Grade

Angel
Aguilar Gonzalez



Aiden
Begay

Sofia
Blanco

Maddison
Canales

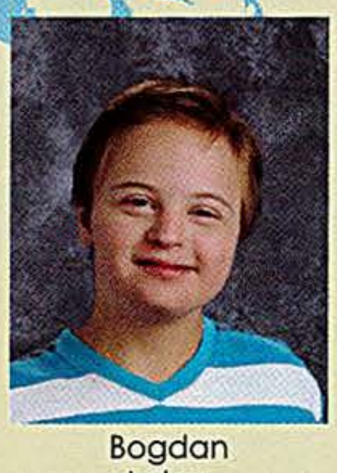
Dominic
Daniel

Angelina
Gonzalez Jones

Alexus
Guerrero

Laysha
Gutierrez

Joshua
Hines



Bogdan
Lakes

Lisandra
Mendez Martin

Erick
Morgado Gomez

Michelle
Ochoa Ojeda

Nevaeh
Ortiz

Zion
Parker

Isaac
Rhone

Angel
Ronces Maya

Jesse
Ruiz

Alexa
Sanchez Rojas

Rydale
Shepherd

Leonel
Zamora

"The greatest adventure
is what lies ahead."
– Unknown

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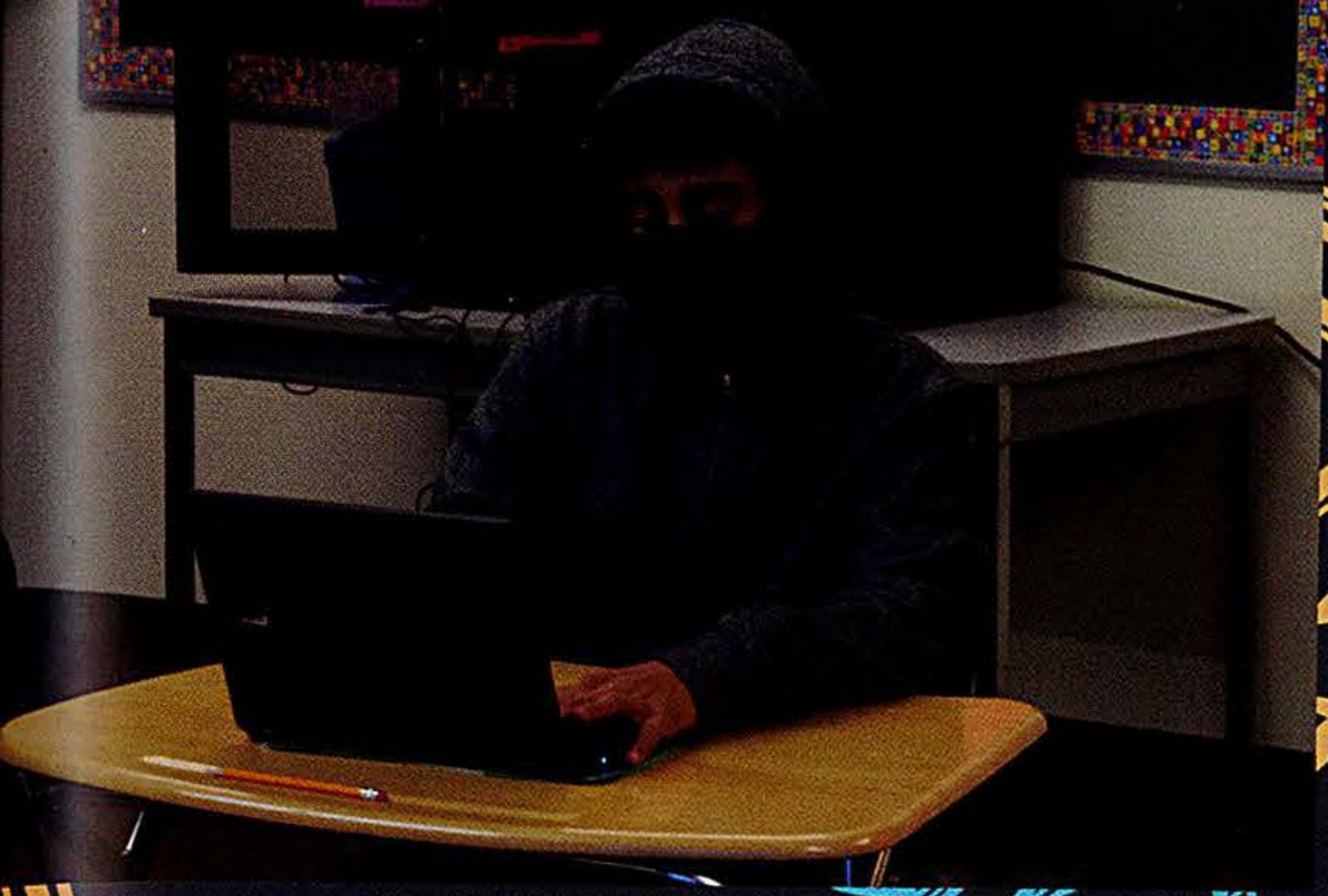
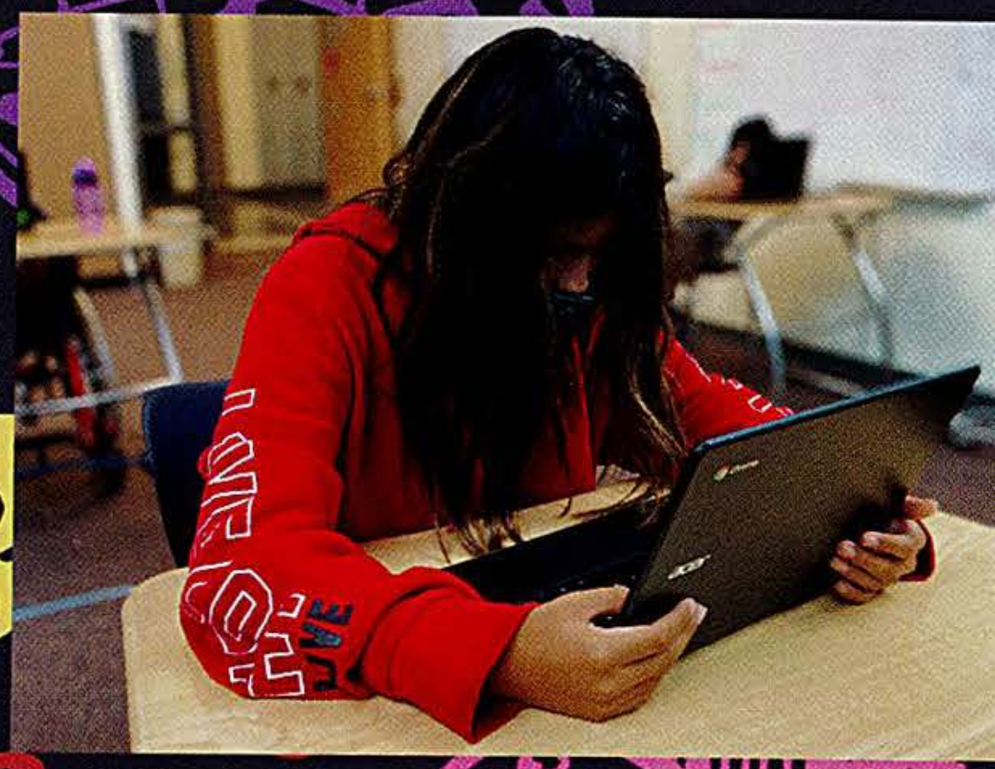
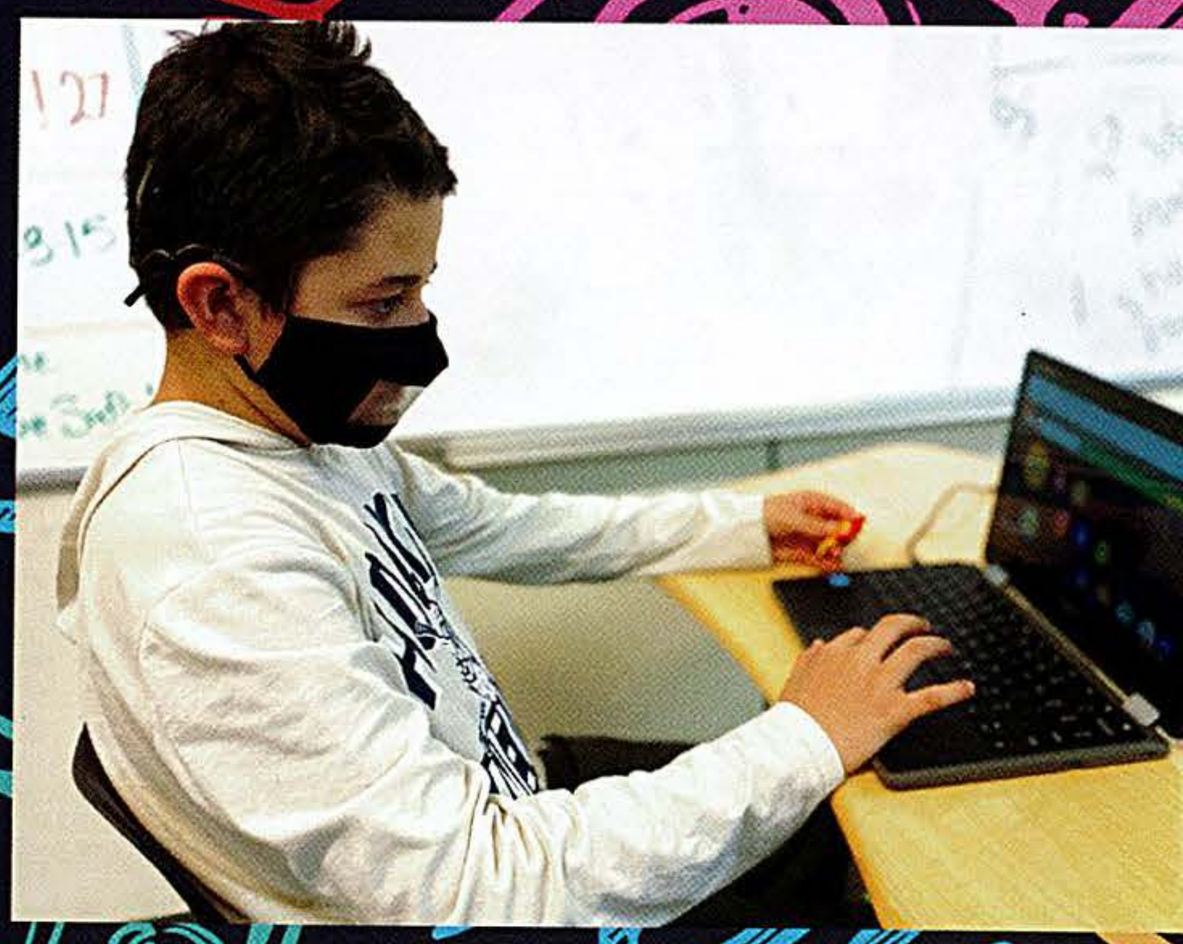
MIDDLE SCHOOL







Sixth Grade

David
Acton

Sofia
Cisar

Donovan
Etheridge

David
Garcia Valenzuela

Alonso
Juarez Romero

Miguel
Martinez Ramos

Miriam
Mendez

Keisha
Mengarelli

Micheal
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Connor
Oxendale

Arturo
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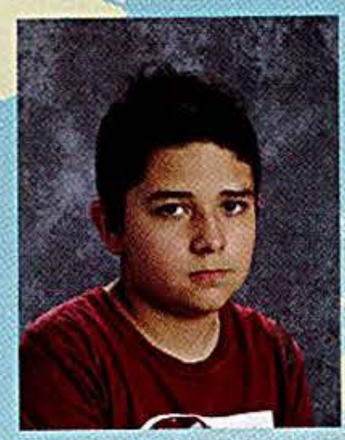
Saul
Sanchez Chavez

Giselle
Santiago Santiago



Michael
Shelton

Jose
Toribio Linares

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"Adventure is worthwhile in itself."
– Amelia Earhart

Seventh Grade

Hasan Abdulrahim

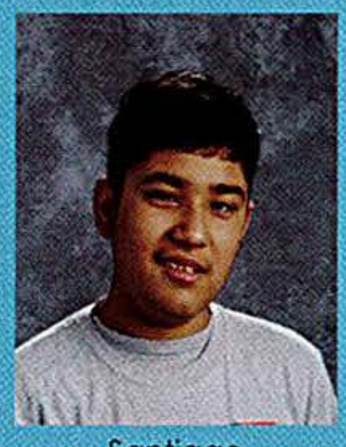
Leslie Aguilar

Natali Barcenas Padilla

Emma Bojorquez

Miracle Brooks

Zaneaja Brown



Santiago Caballero Gonzalez

Bryan Jimenez Coutino

Belle Emery

Christian Franco Ramirez

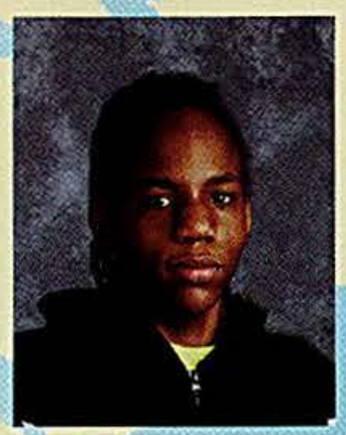
Spencer Gallagher

Delilah Jaimes

Bryan Jimenez Coutino

Daisy Jimenez Gonzalez

Hailey Keesie



Zayvion King Taylor

Elizabeth Meredith

Elliana Morris

Jesus Rodriguez

Mariana Ruiz

Joseph Trent

Darian Vega

Franchesco Yesuf

Yael Zuniga Melendez

"It's not the mountain we conquer, but ourselves."

— Sir Edmund Hillary

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Eighth Grade

Giselle
Barrera

Elmer
Barrios De La Cruz

Jaedan
Braxton

Alyssa
Clark-Dequier

Jhoselh
Diaz Ayala

Alexis
Fonseca Zavala

Adriana
Gutierrez Lopez

Soliz
Magdelano

Denessa
Martinez

Yisak
Mebrate

Jonathan
Munoz

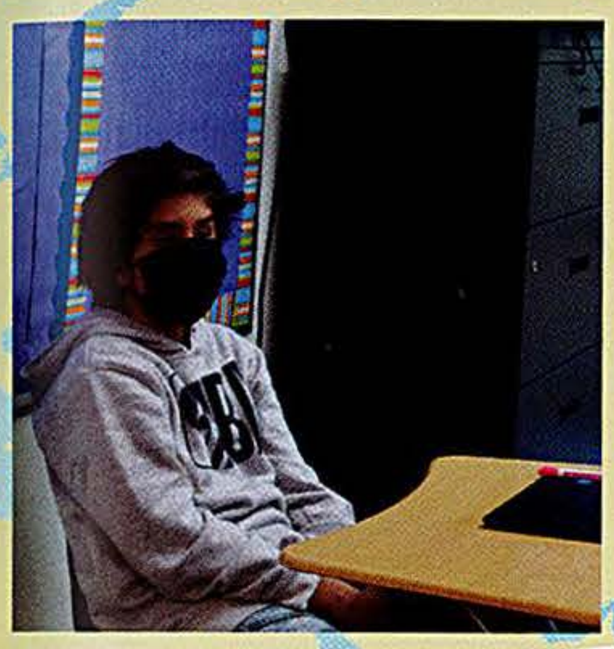
Yesica
Reyes Espinoza

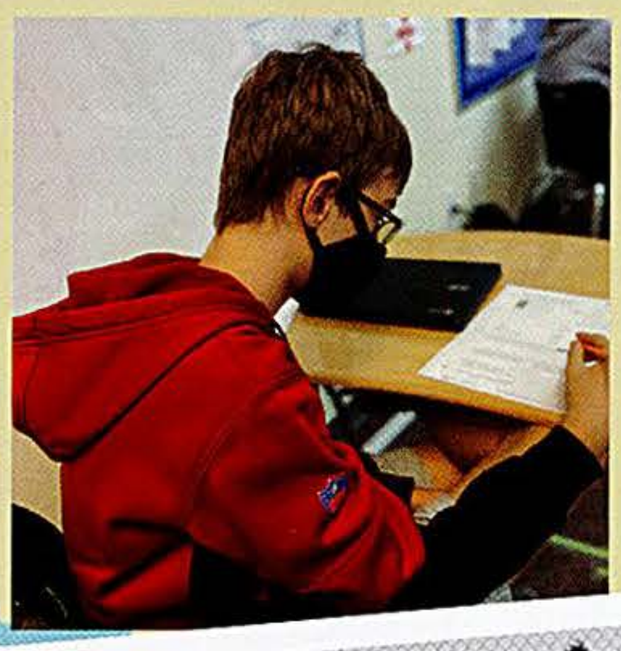
Indio
Rivera-Padilla

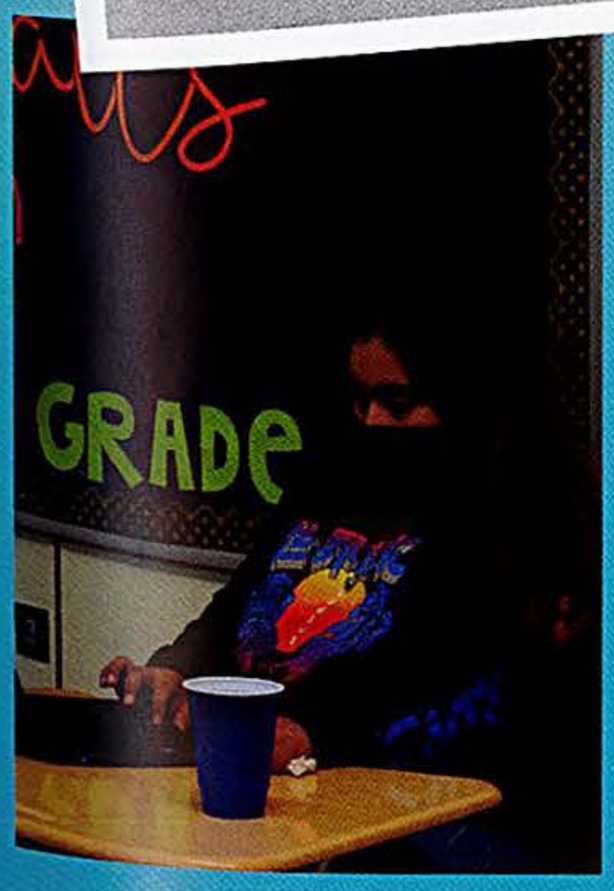
Juan
Thompson

"We live in a wonderful world that is full of beauty, charm and adventure. There is no end to the adventures we can have if only we seek them with our eyes open."

— Jawaharial Nehru







HIGH SCHOOL

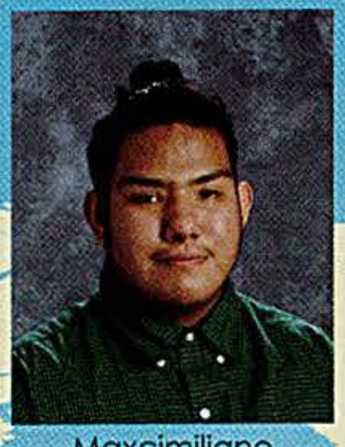
Ninth Grade

Silva Abdulrahim

Rue Abrams-Gay

Ducati Camacho

Luis Correa Castro



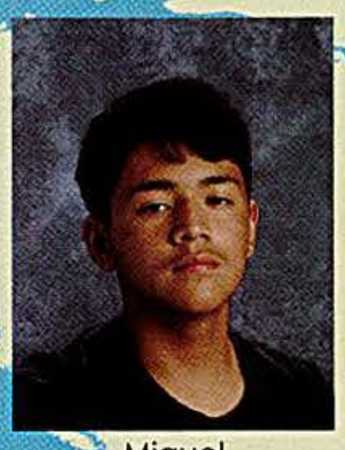
Maxcimiliano Dominguez Barrios

Anthony Flores Ventura

Jesus Gallegos

Tyquann Hall

Ian Hernandez



Miguel Hernandez

Adamaris Hernandez Amezcua

Adriana Hill

Ayah Jawad

Travis Martinez Krohn

Phoenix Perry

Jason Ramirez Chilel

Argelia Rojas

Kotu Salih

Jeramiah Whitehead

Pearl Williams

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"Then one day, when you least expect it, the great adventure finds you."

– Ewan Mcgregor

Tenth Grade

Erick Aleman

Sabastian Arce

Ester Cepeda Rodriguez

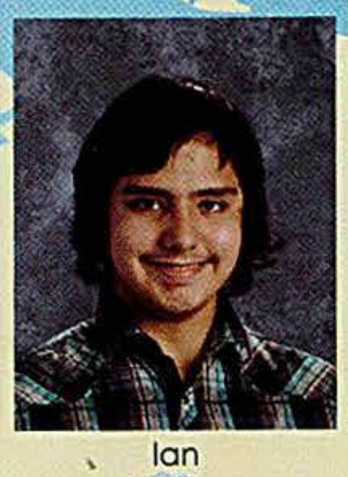
Fernando Flores Ortega

Maria Gallardo Caudillo

Mariah Garibay

Richard Garza

Adaija Hartin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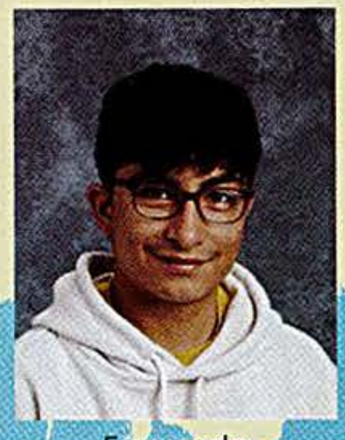
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Randall Sandoval

Elizabeth Warner-Edwards

"The purpose of life, after all, is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for a newer and richer experience."

– Eleanor Roosevelt

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Eleven Grade

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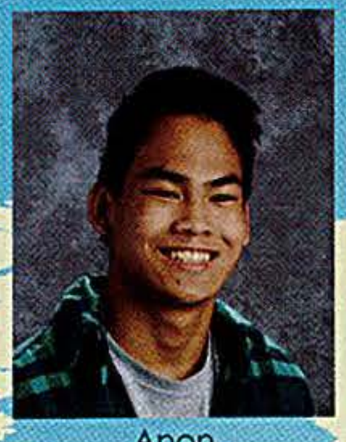
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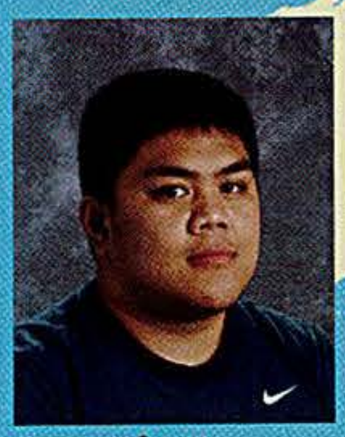
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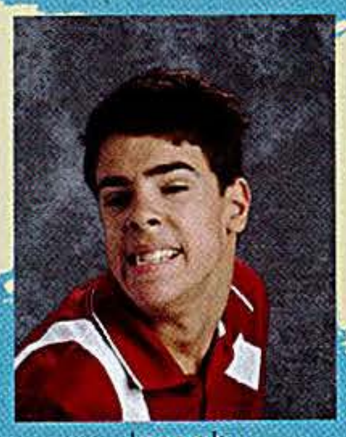
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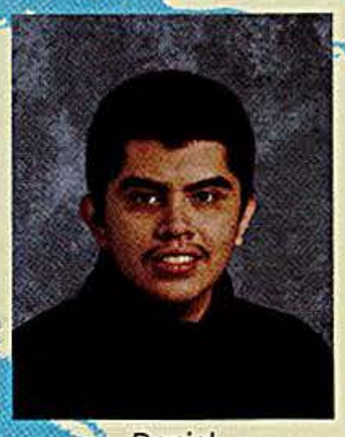
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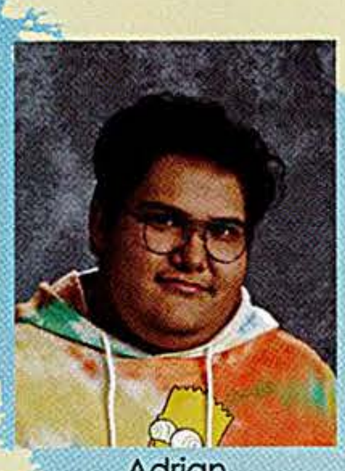
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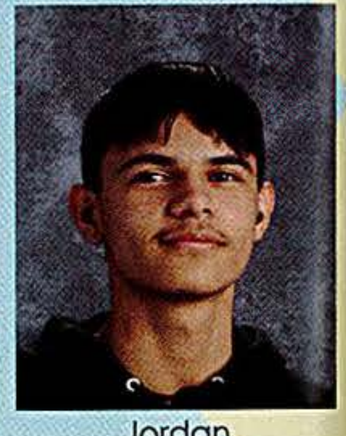
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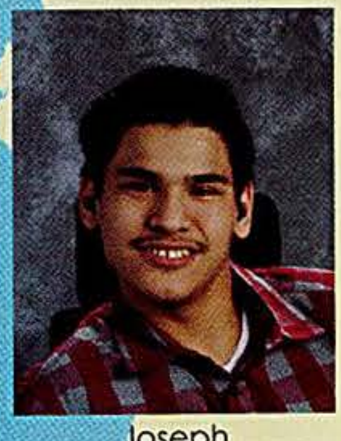
Joseph Vasquez

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"You must go on adventures to find out where you truly belong"

– Sue Fitzmaurice

Twelfth Grade

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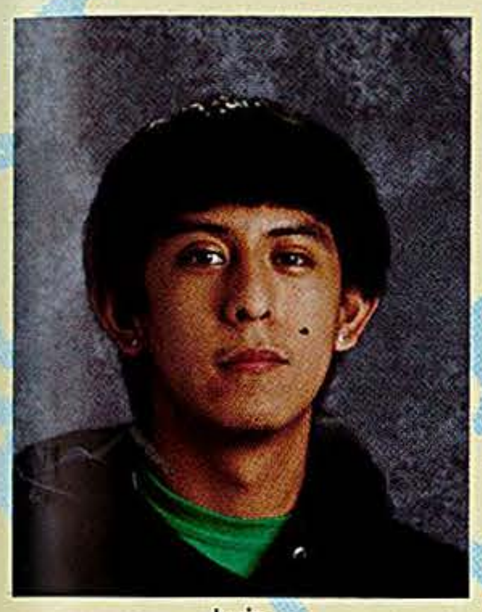
Jesse
Barrera

Eugene
Berthiaume



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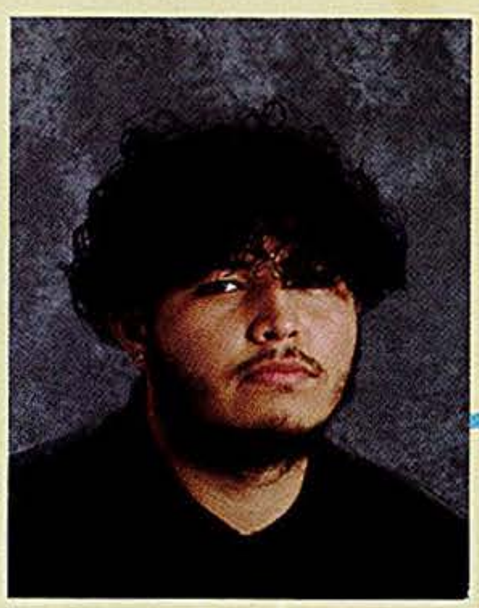

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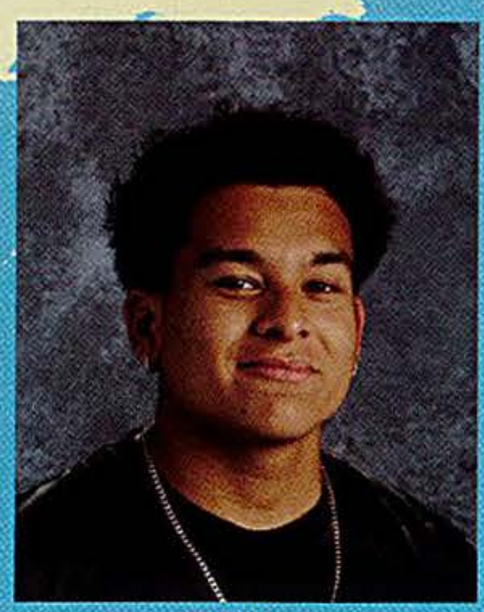

Adrian
Feria

Pablo
Graxiola

Kaleb
Henderson

Ignasio
Howard

Hawraa
Jawad

Jose Ramiro
Ledesma

"Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all."

– Helen Keller

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Twelfth Grade

Faith
Makarewicz

Carlita
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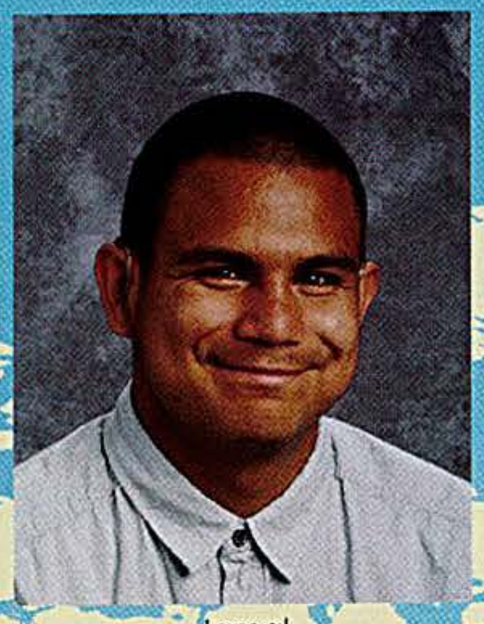

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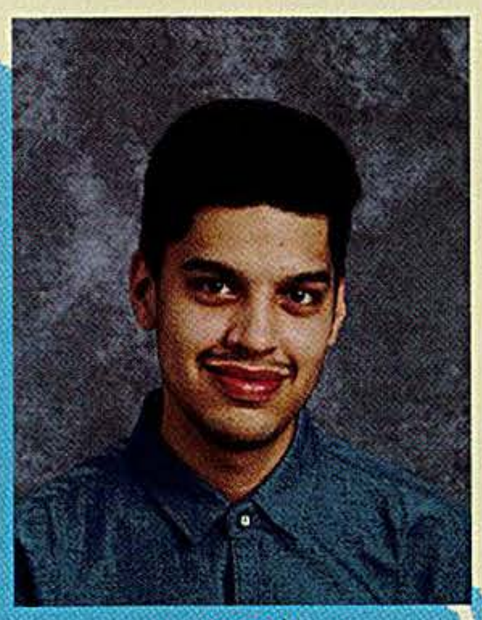

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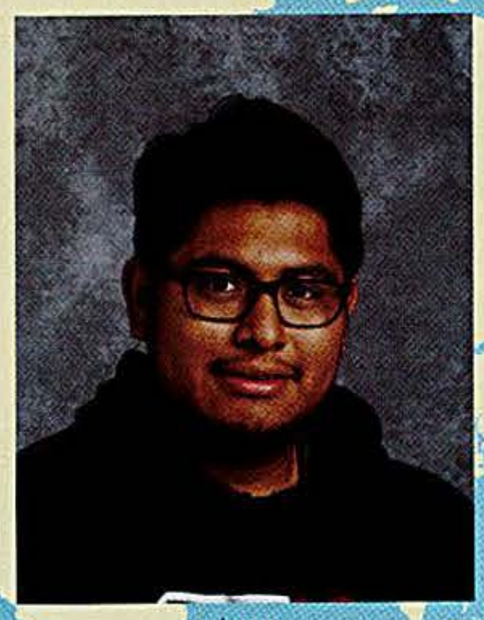

Jose
Santiago Santiago

Alicia
Tapia

Kaitlyn
Taylor

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Vazquez

Alexis
Vazquez Bautista

12

"If you don't get out of the box you've been raised in, you won't understand how much bigger the world is."

– Angelina Jolie

Rene Acosta

Nancy Apodaca Castillo

Isabel Ballard

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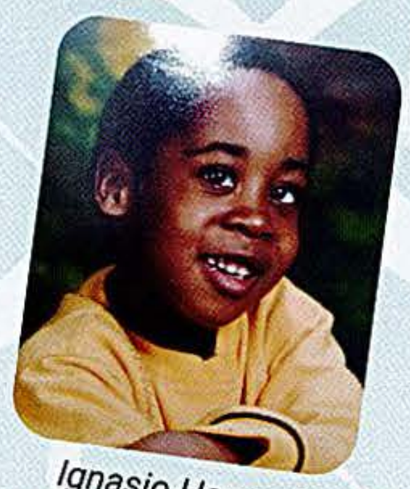

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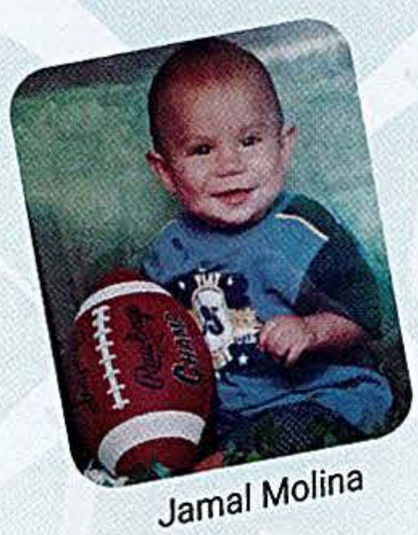

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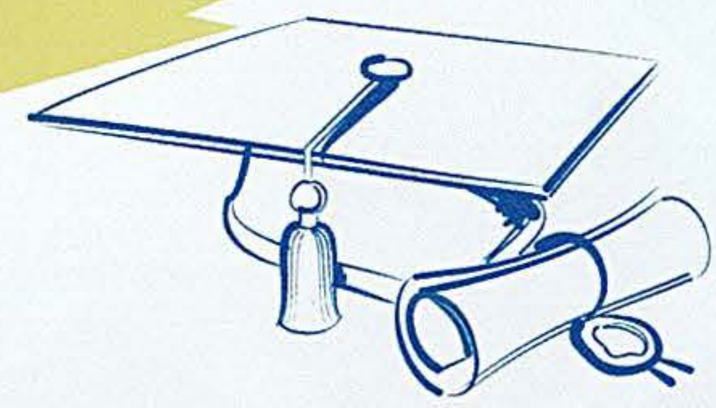

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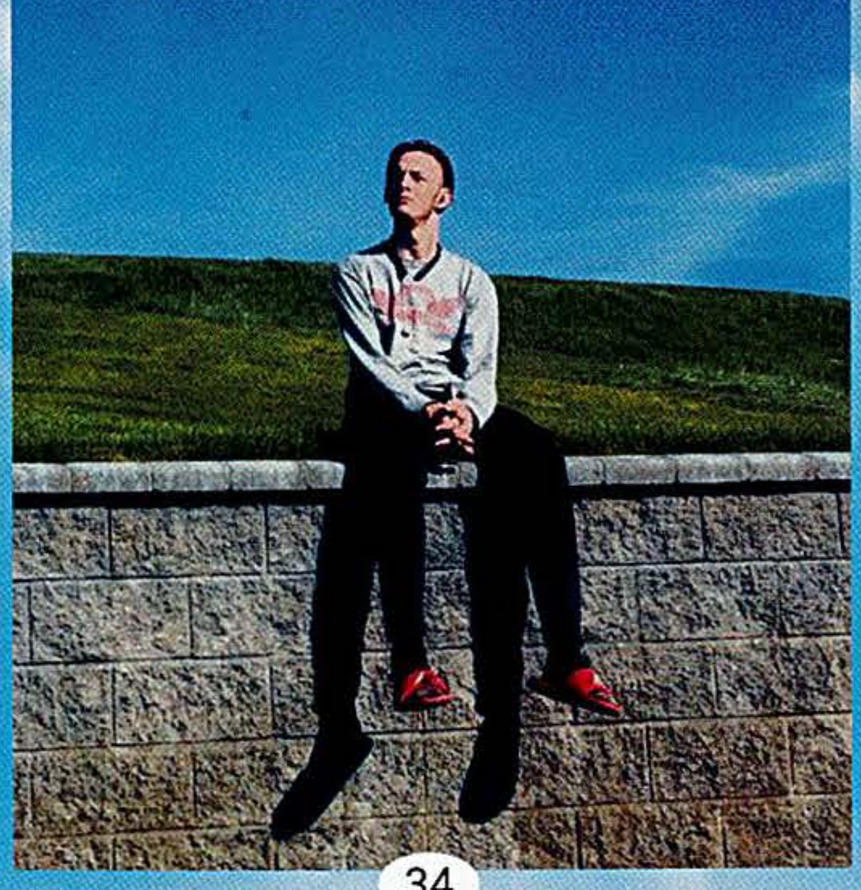

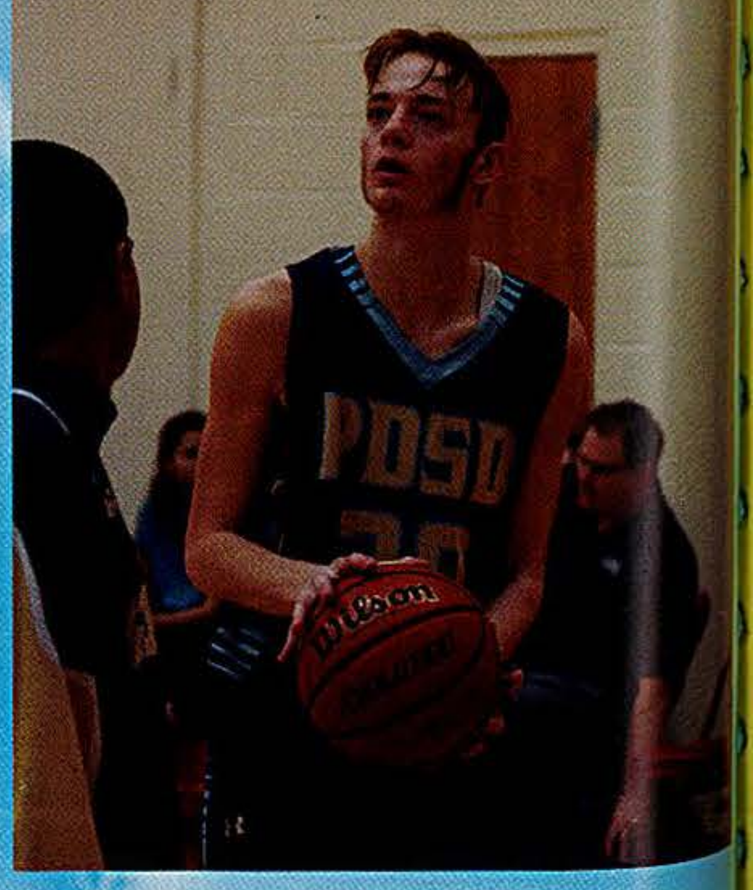

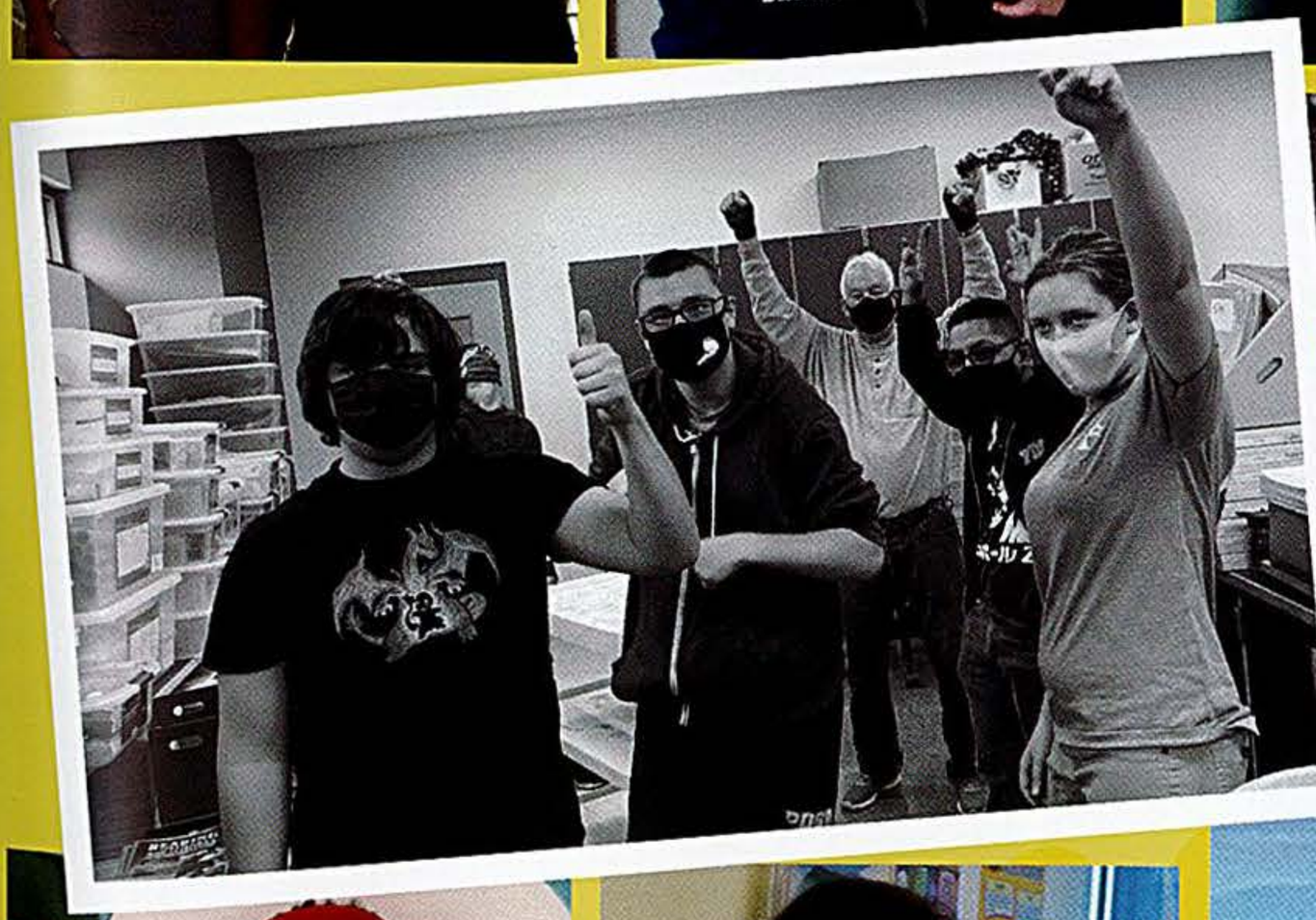

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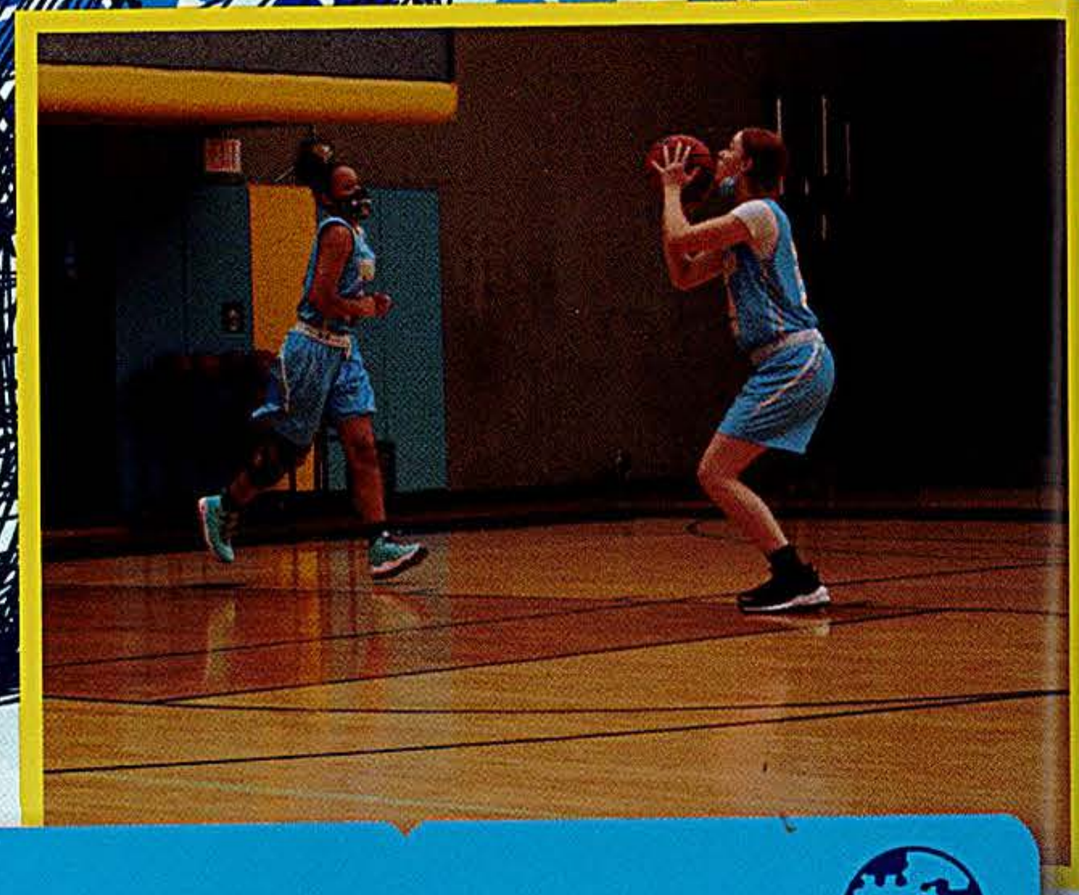

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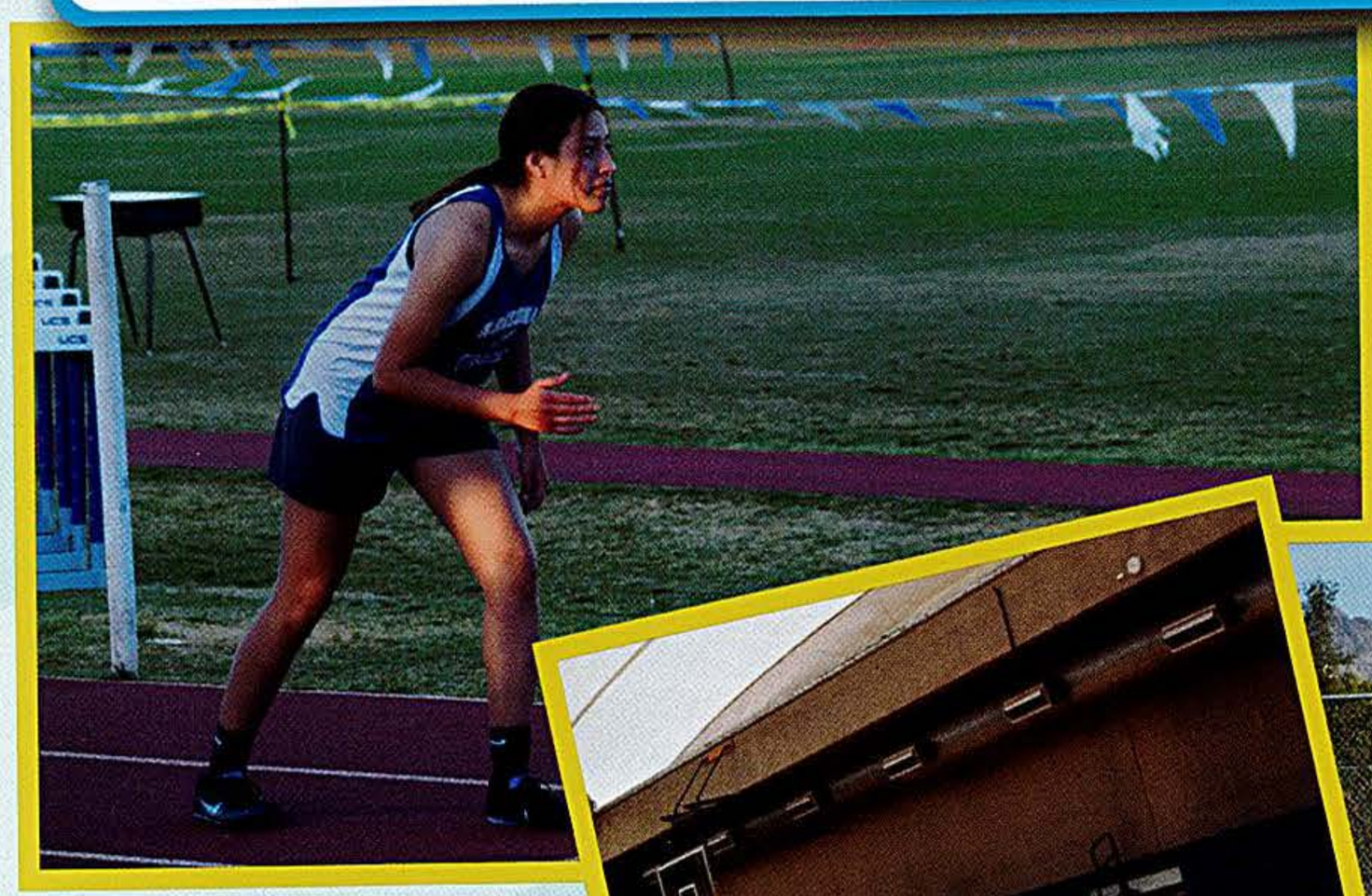
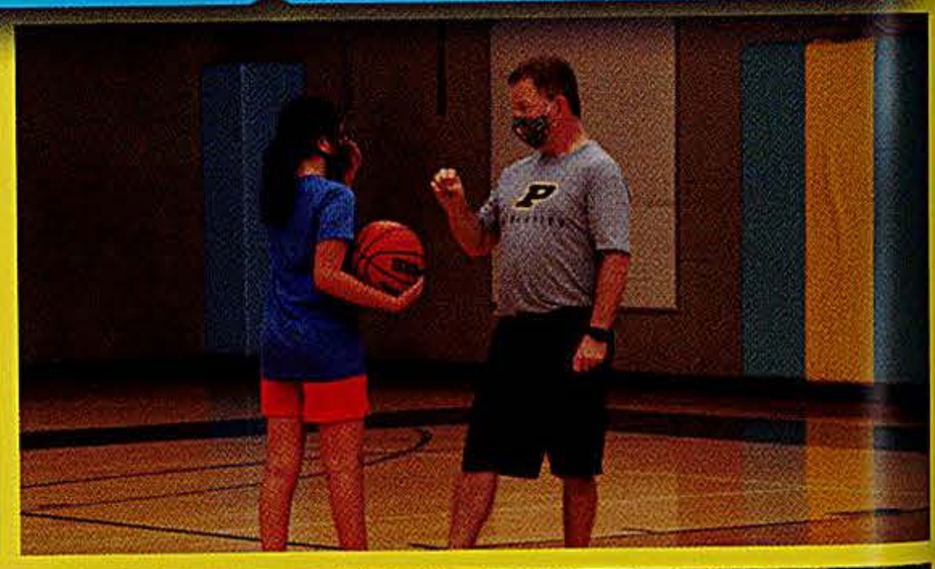
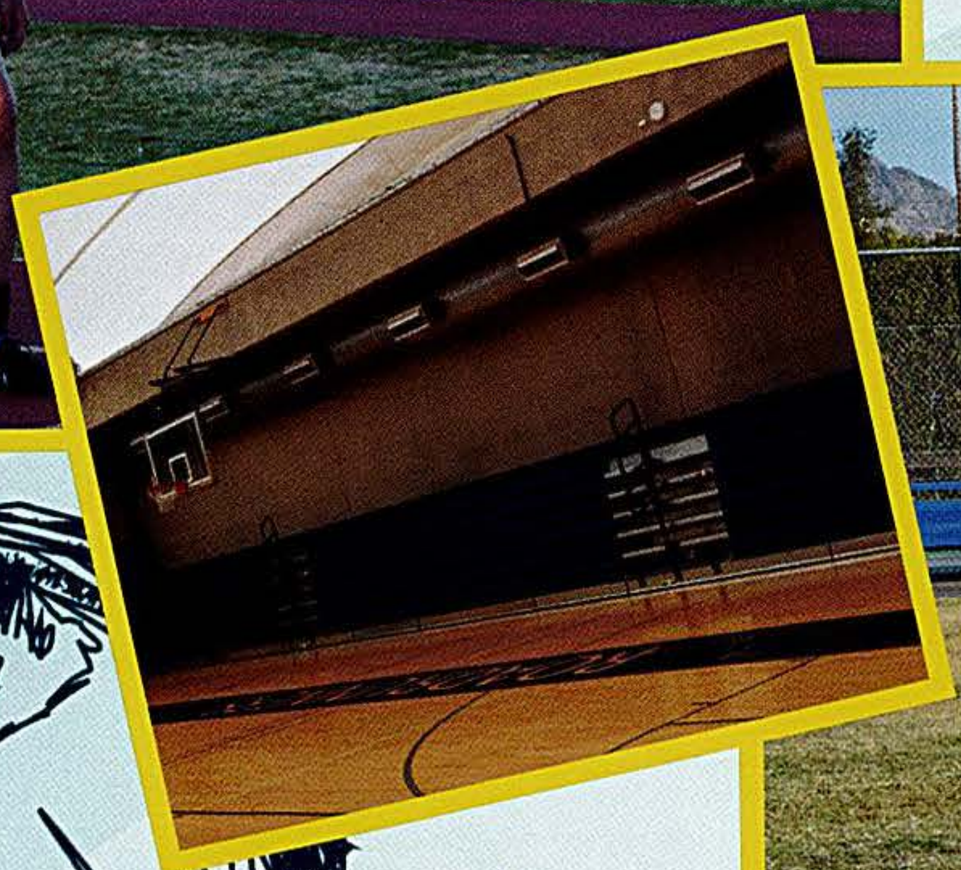
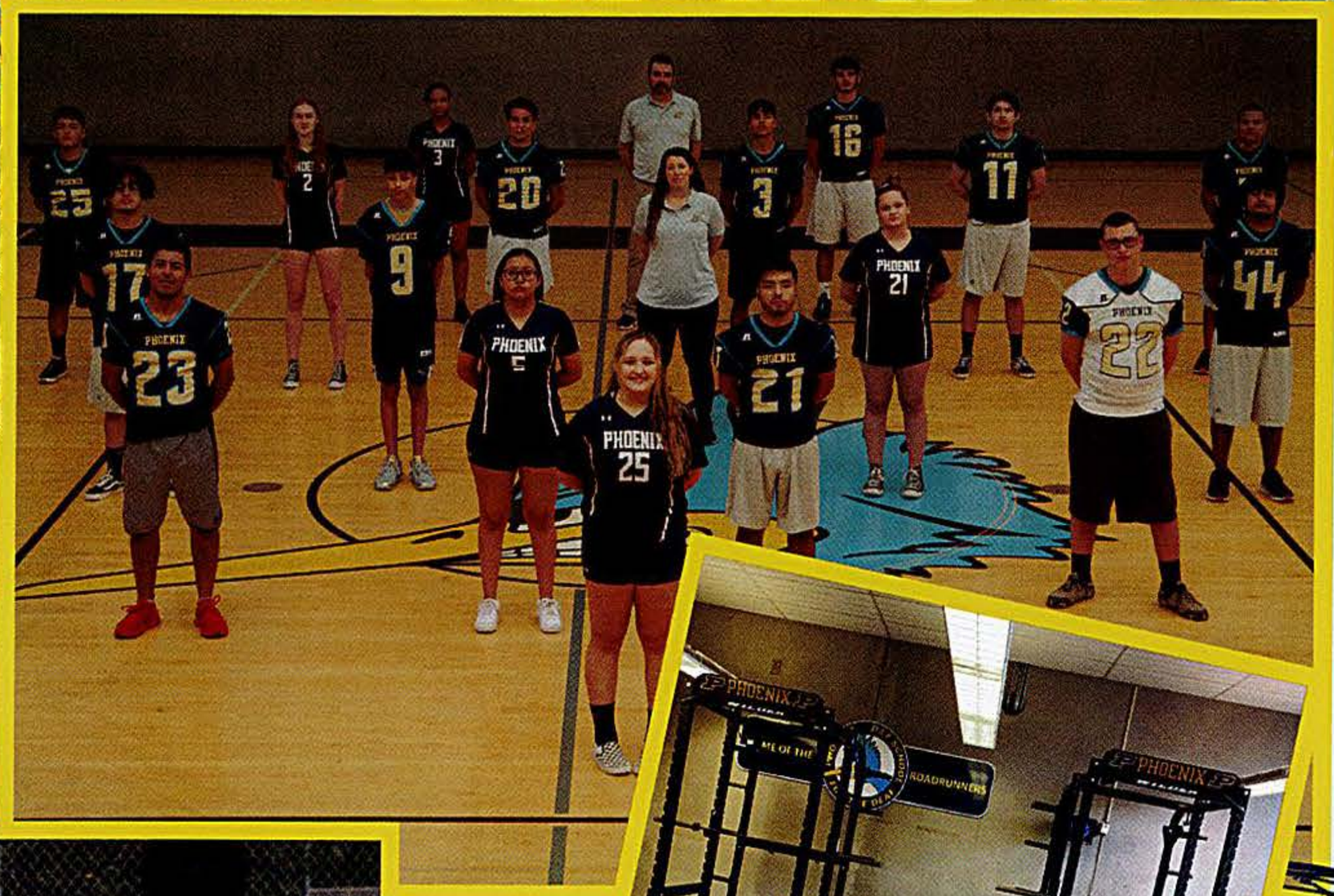
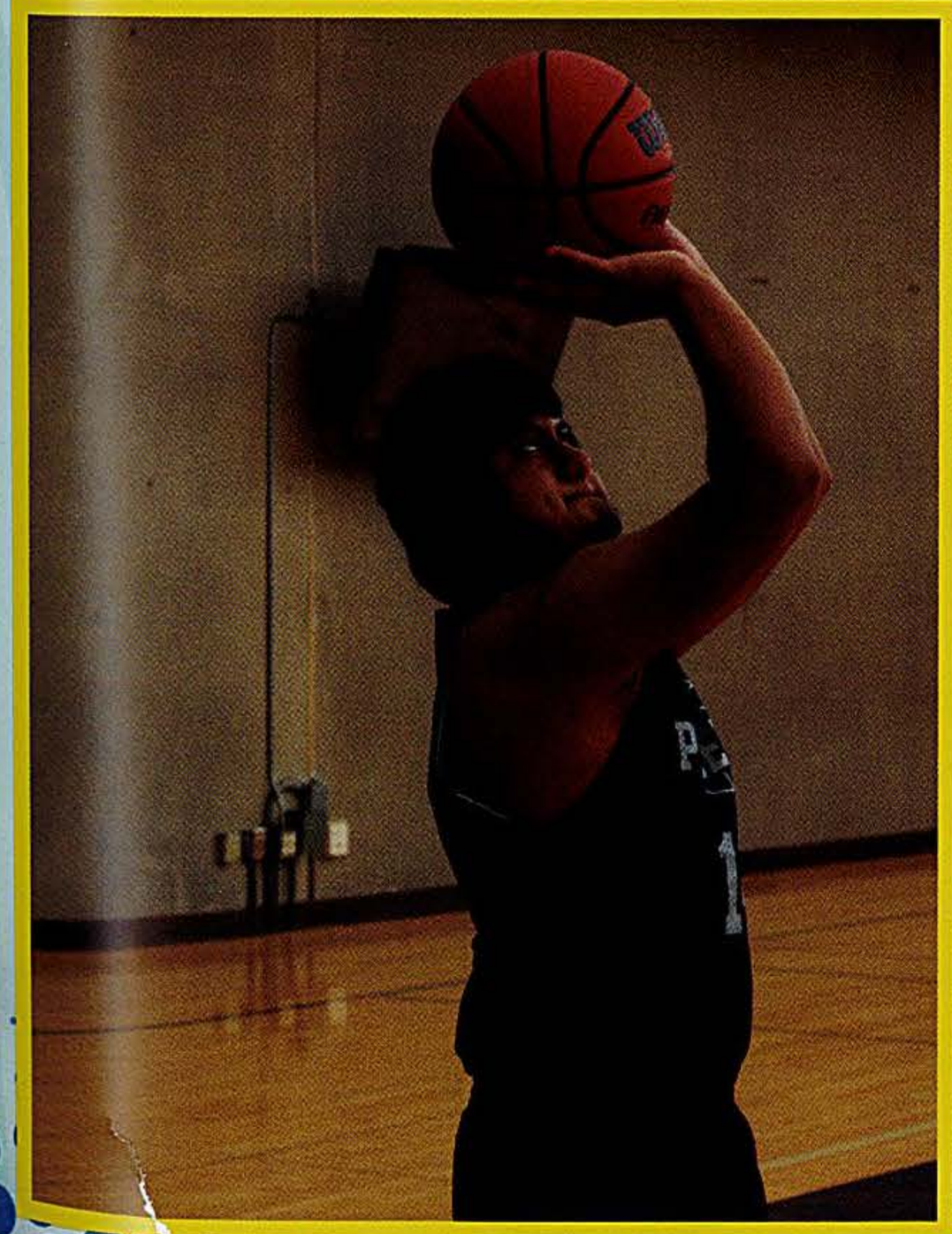






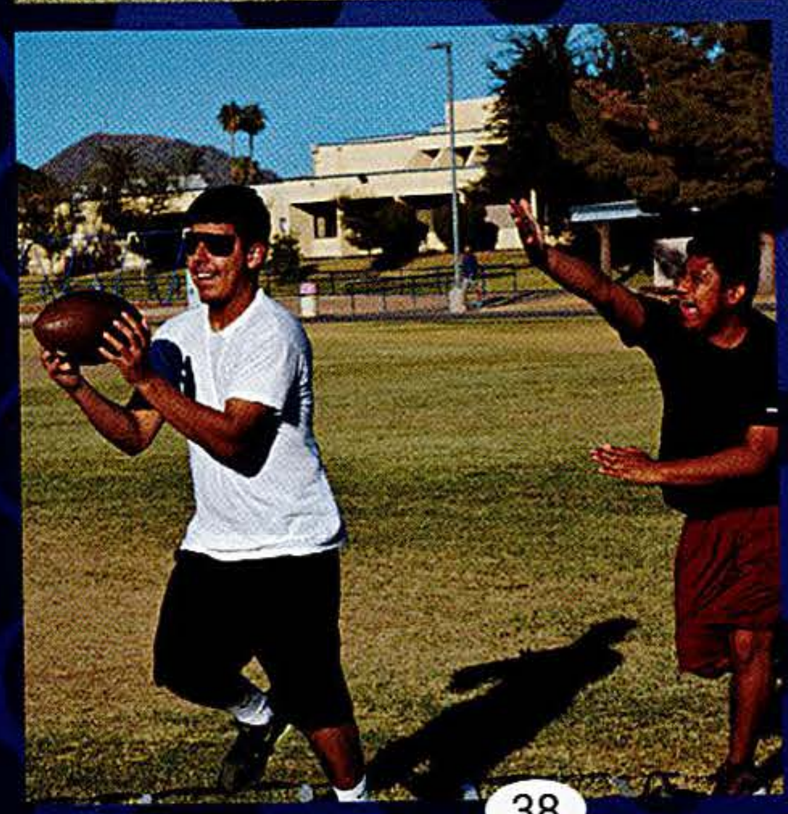


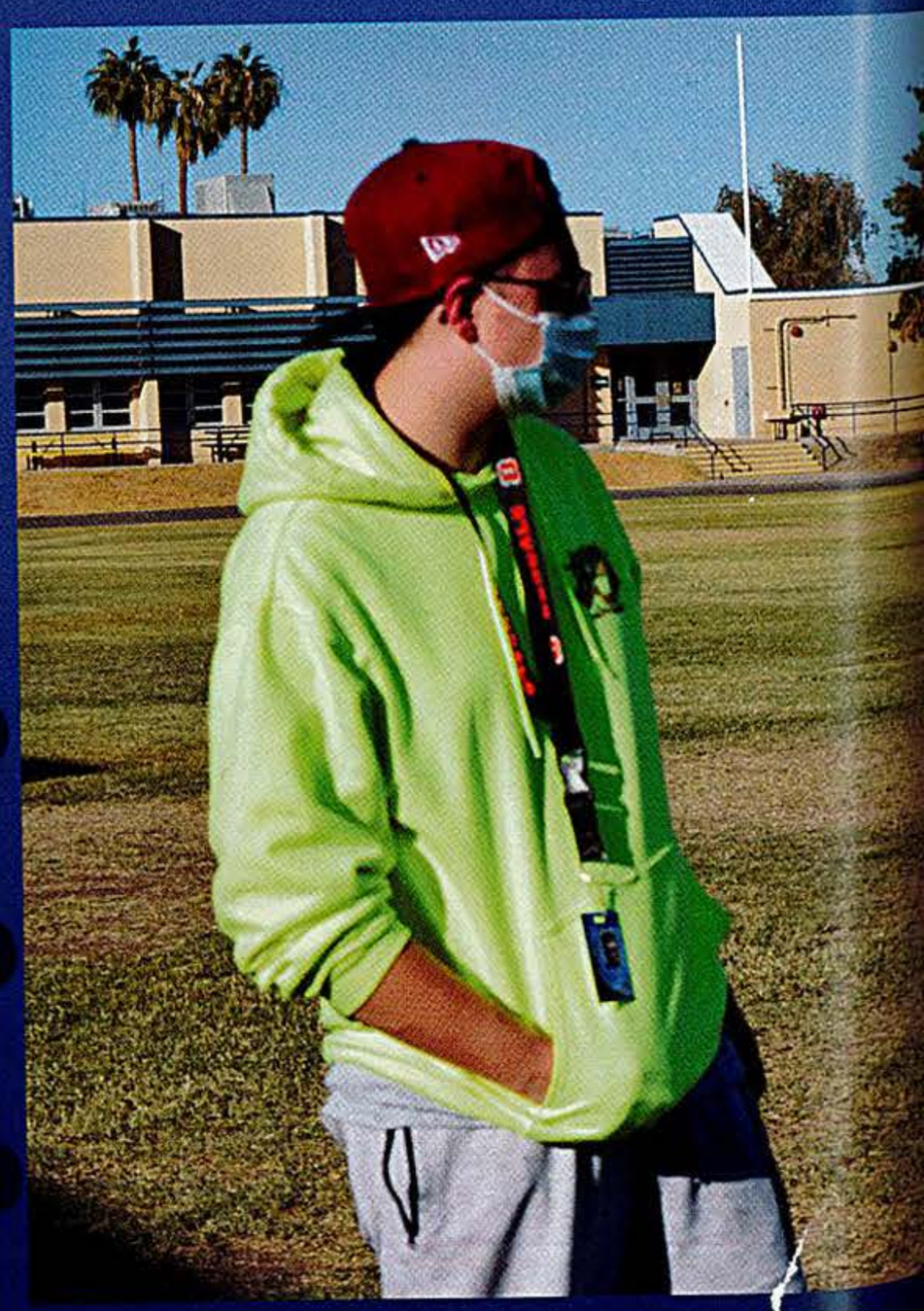
"It never gets easier, you just get better."
- Jordan Hoechlin



High School Football

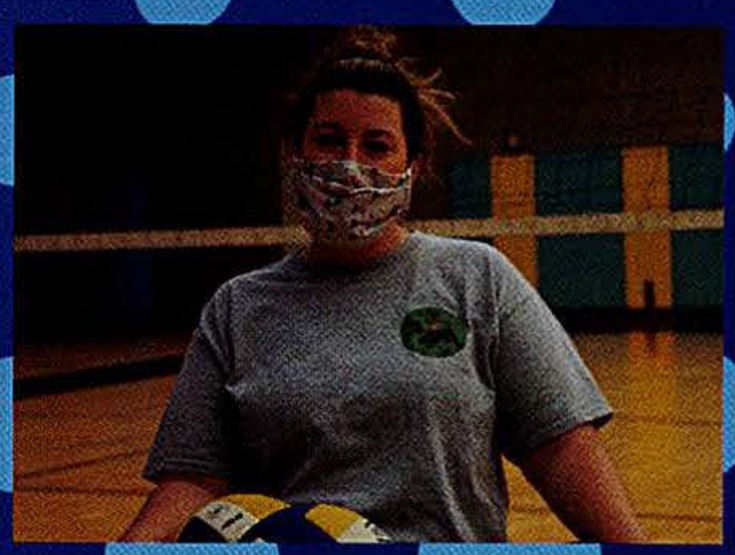
Top Row (Left to Right): Pablo Graxiola, Adrian Feria, Jamal Molina, Alexis Vazquez Bautista
Middle Row (Left to Right): Gerardo Iribe Rocha, Miguel Hernandez, Osmar Ramirez Soltero, Kaleb Henderson
Front Row (Left to Right): Jeramiah Whitehead, Isaac Nubes, Anthony Flores Ventura
Head Coach: Dave Huber
Manager: Eugene Berthiaume





High School Volleyball

Left to Right: Rue Abrams-Gay, Selina Escobar Hernandez, Joannah Vasel, Xendrine Rivera-Padilla, Zoe Abrams-Gay
Head Coach: Megan Tellefson



High School Boys Basketball

Left to Right: Osmar Ramirez Soltero, Miguel Hernandez, Gerardo Iribe Rocha, Anthony Flores Ventura, Jeramiah Whitehead, Isaac Nubes, Adrian Feria, Luis Correa Castro, Jamal Molina, Alexis Vazquez Bautista

Head Coach: LZ Battle

Manger: Eugene Berthiaume

High School Girls Basketball

Left to Right: Rue Abrams-Gay, Zoe Abrams-Gay, Sarahi Almonte-Valdez, Selina Escobar Hernandez, Joannah Vasel, Nykasia Rivera-Padilla, Xendrine Rivera-Padilla
Head Coach: Megan Tellefson
Assistant Coach: Natalie Heywood

High School Track

Back Row (Left to Right): Angel Ruiz Amador, Isaac Nubes, Rene Acosta, Ducati Camacho
3rd Row (Left to Right): Luis Cabrera Quevedo, Anthony Flores Ventura, Jeramiah Whitehead, Miguel Hernandez
2nd Row (Left to Right): Argelia Rojas, Rue Abrams-Gay, Jesse Barrara
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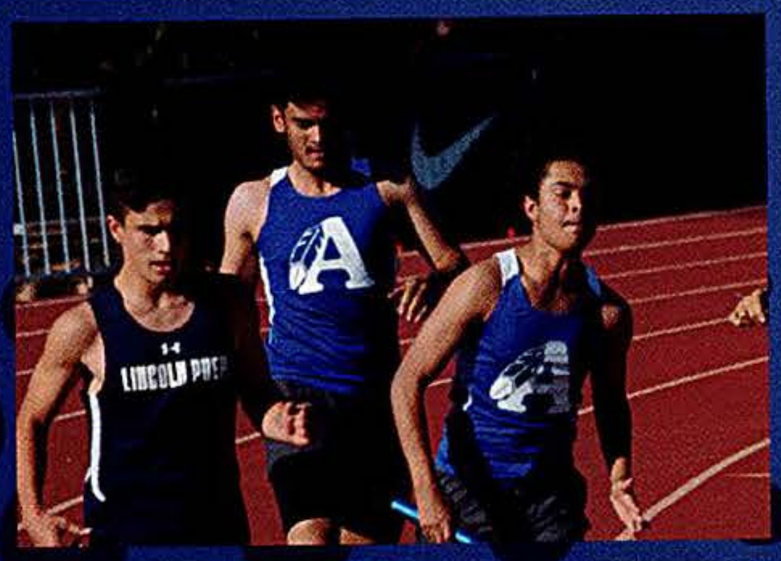

5th to 8th Boys Soccer

Back Row (Left to Right): Joseph Trent, Jaedan Braxton, Alexis Fonseca Zavala, Jonathan Munoz
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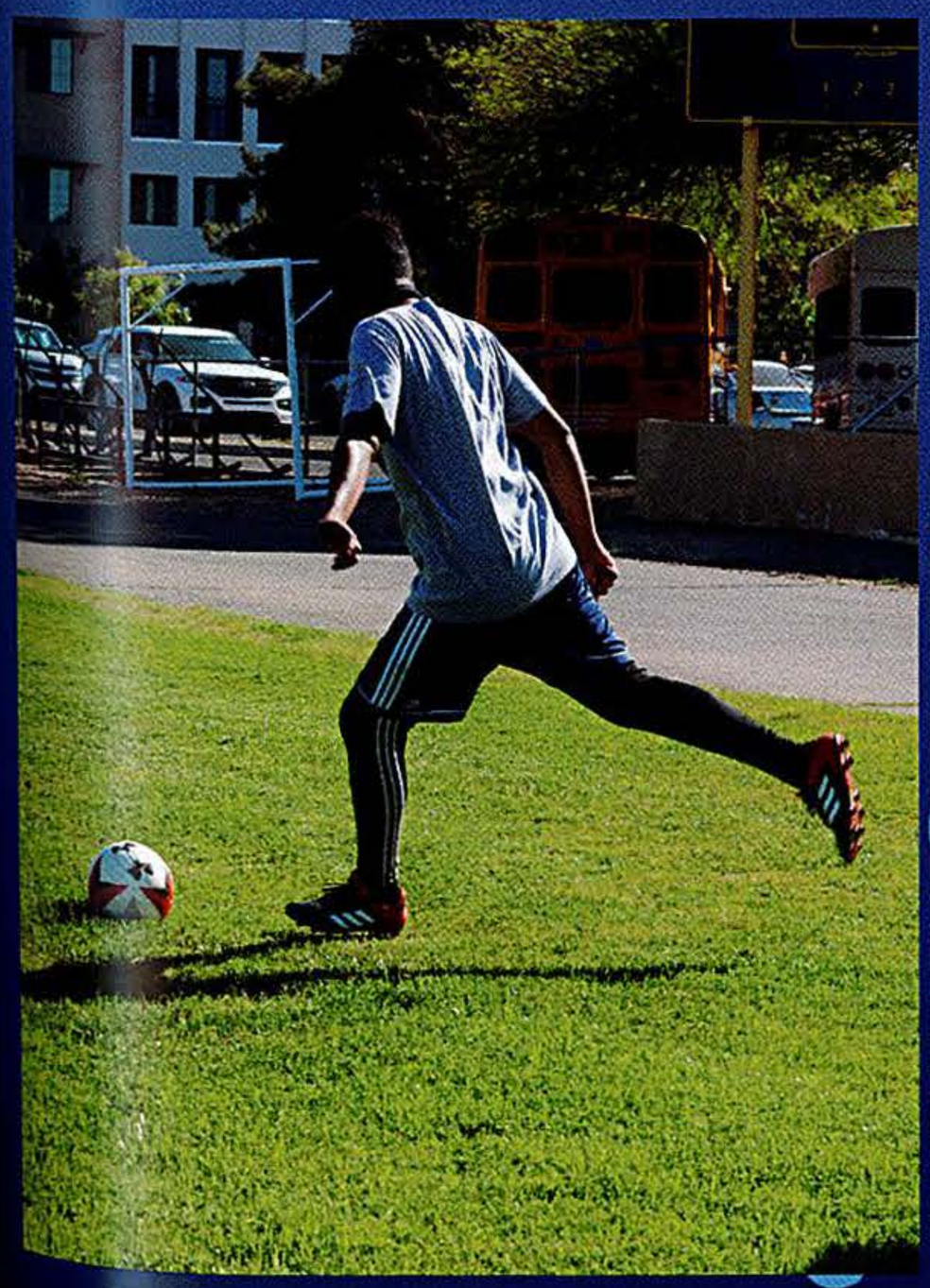
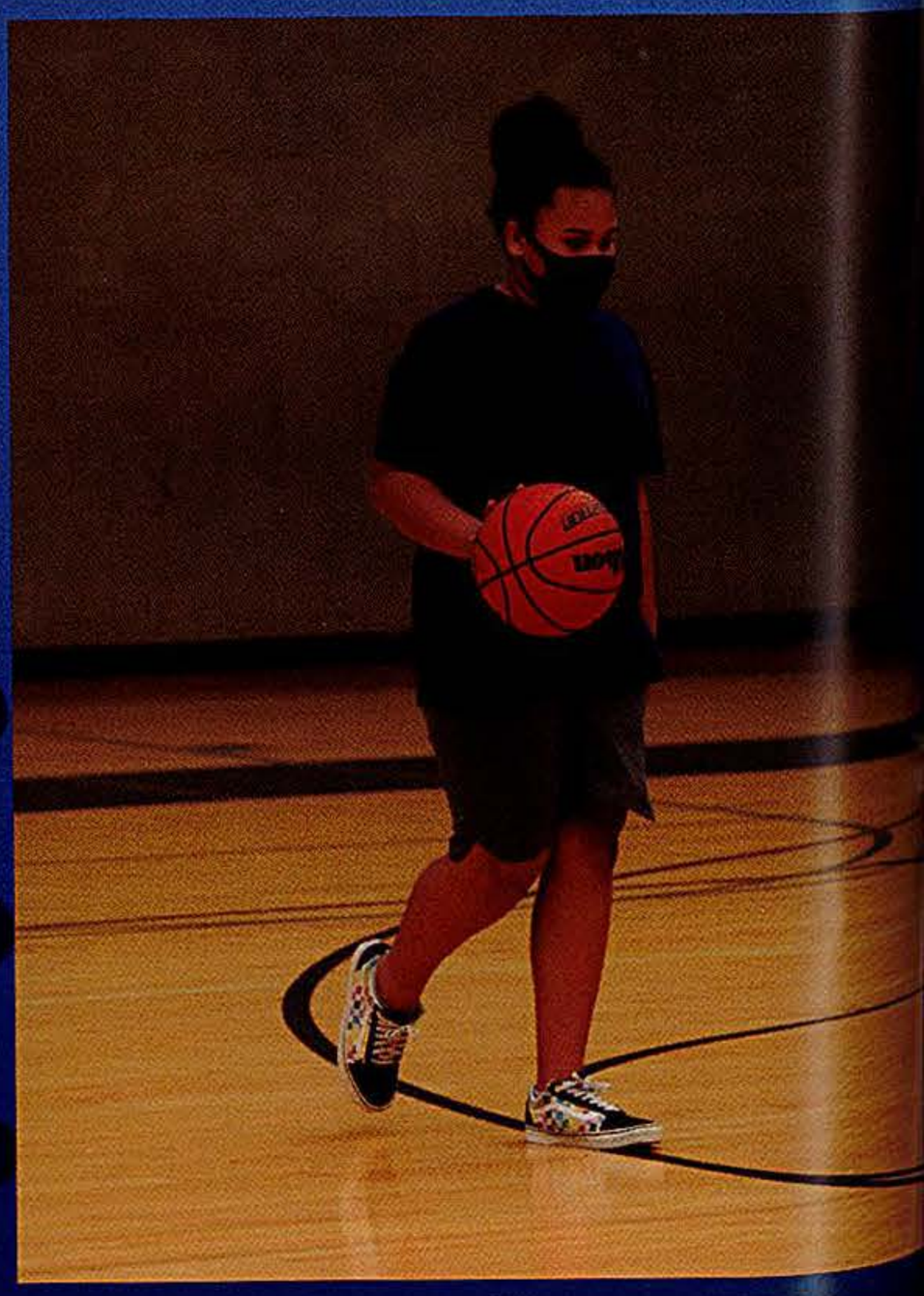
Head Coaches: Renee Jantz and Ariel Patterson



5th to 8th Girls Basketball

Left to Right: Daisy Jimenez Gonzalez, Alexus Guerrero, Laysha Gutirrez, Emma Bojorquez
Head Coaches: Michael Gallagher and Natalie Heywood



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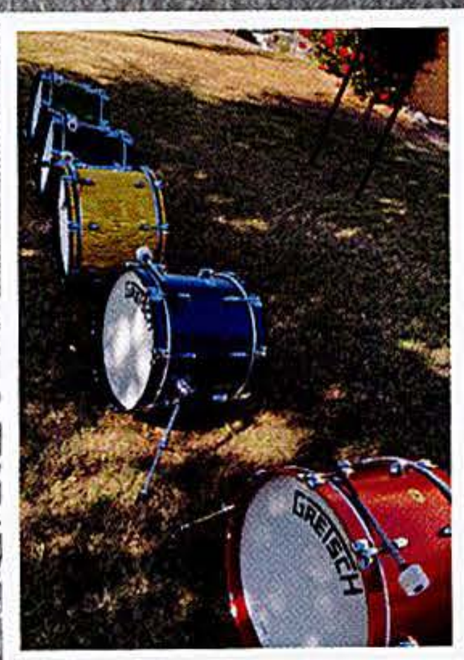

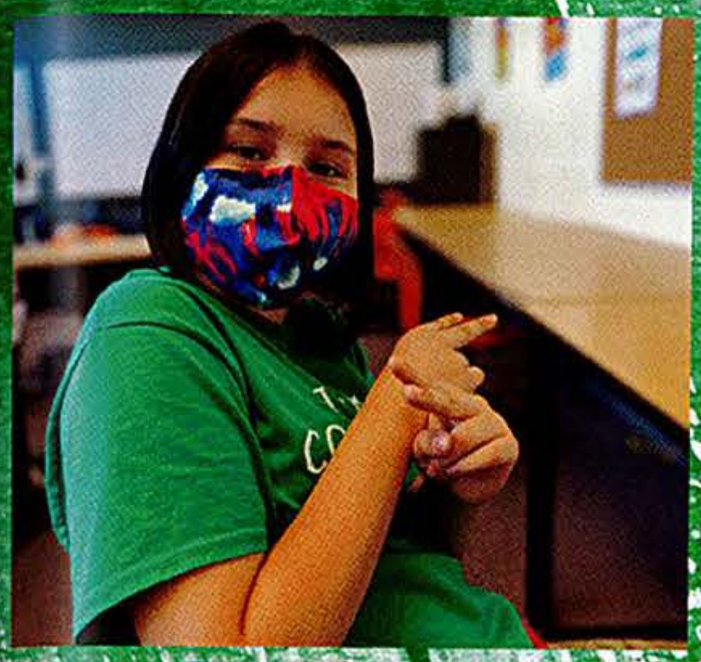

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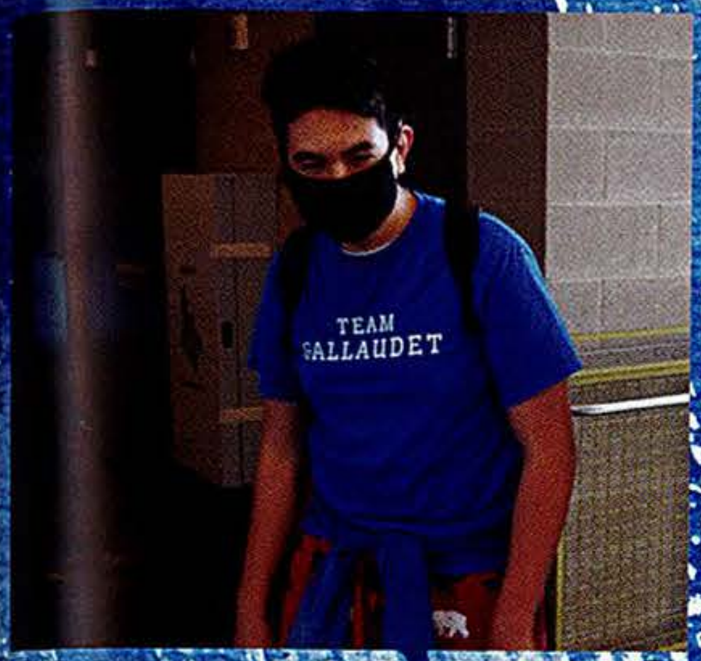
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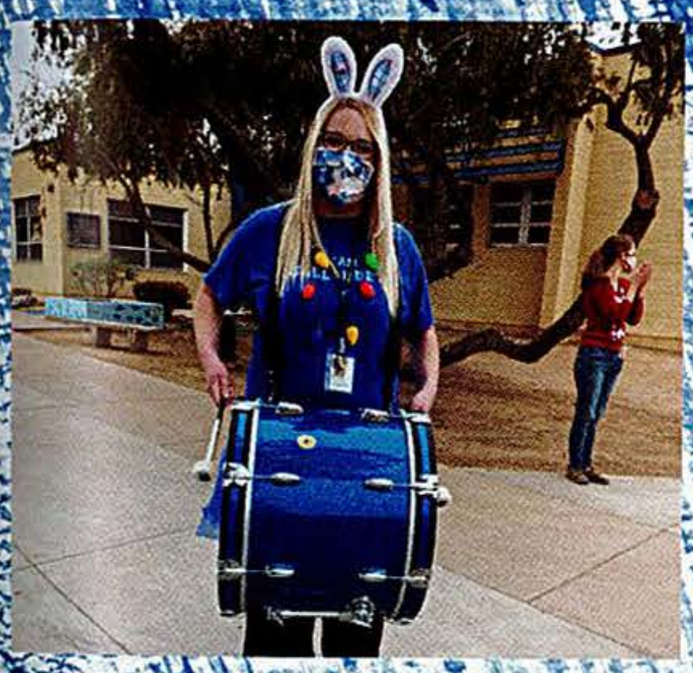

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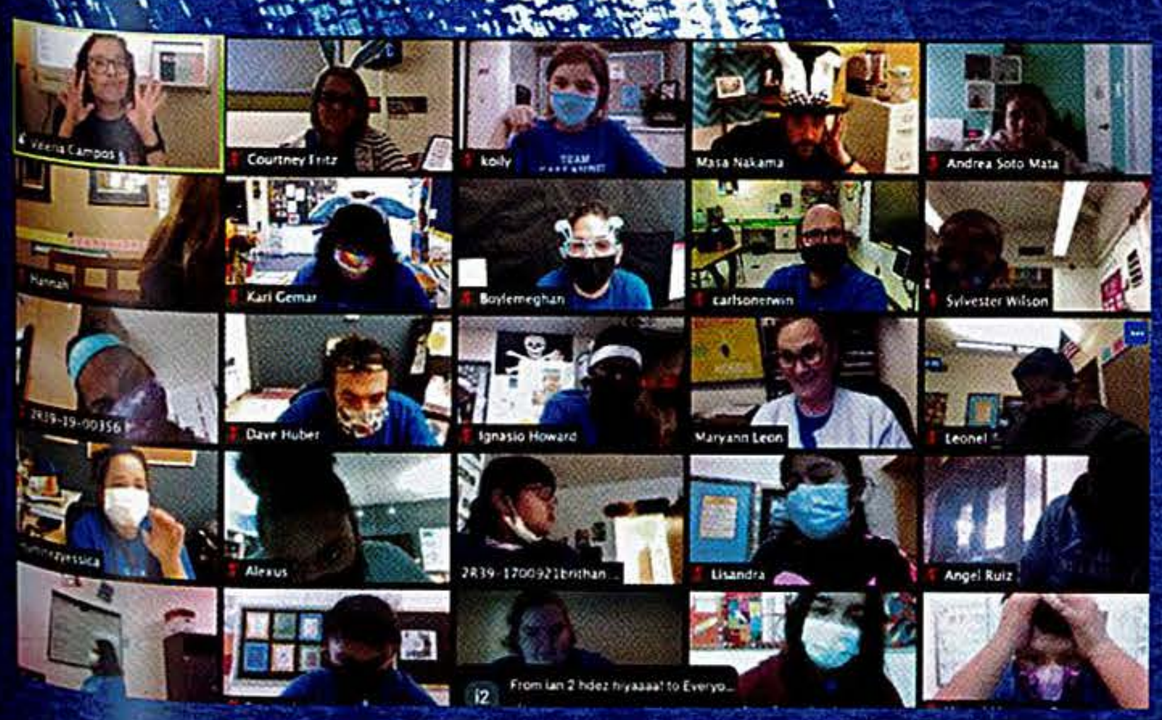
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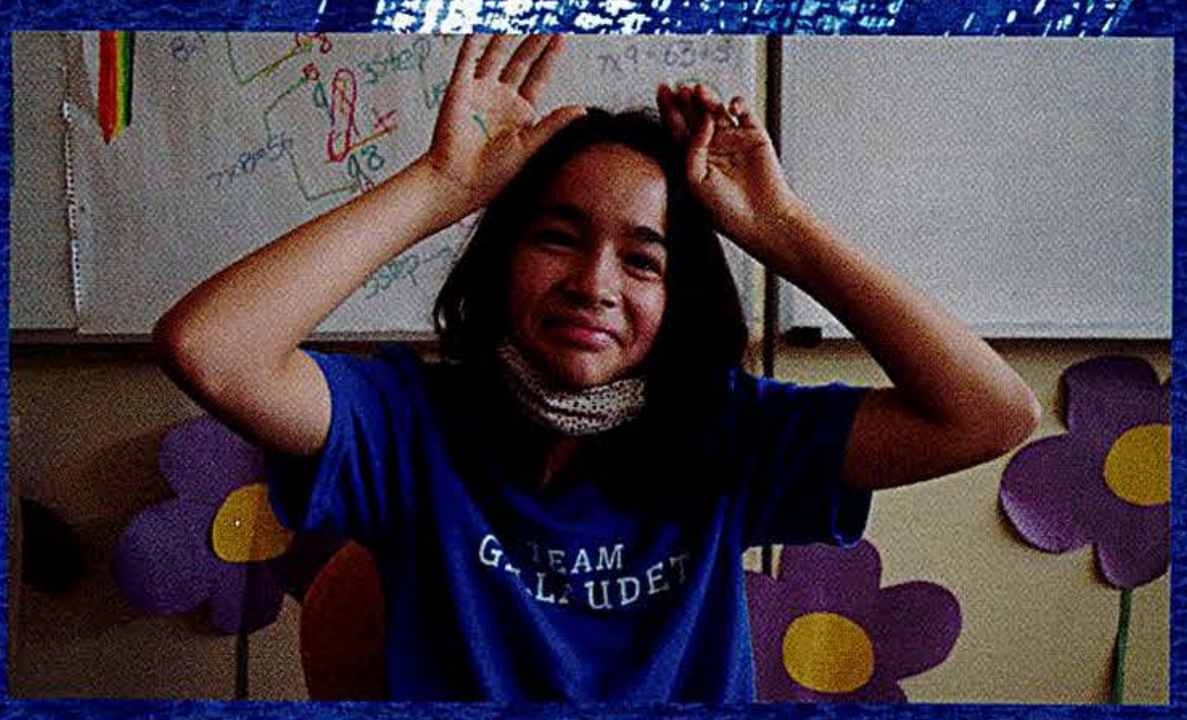
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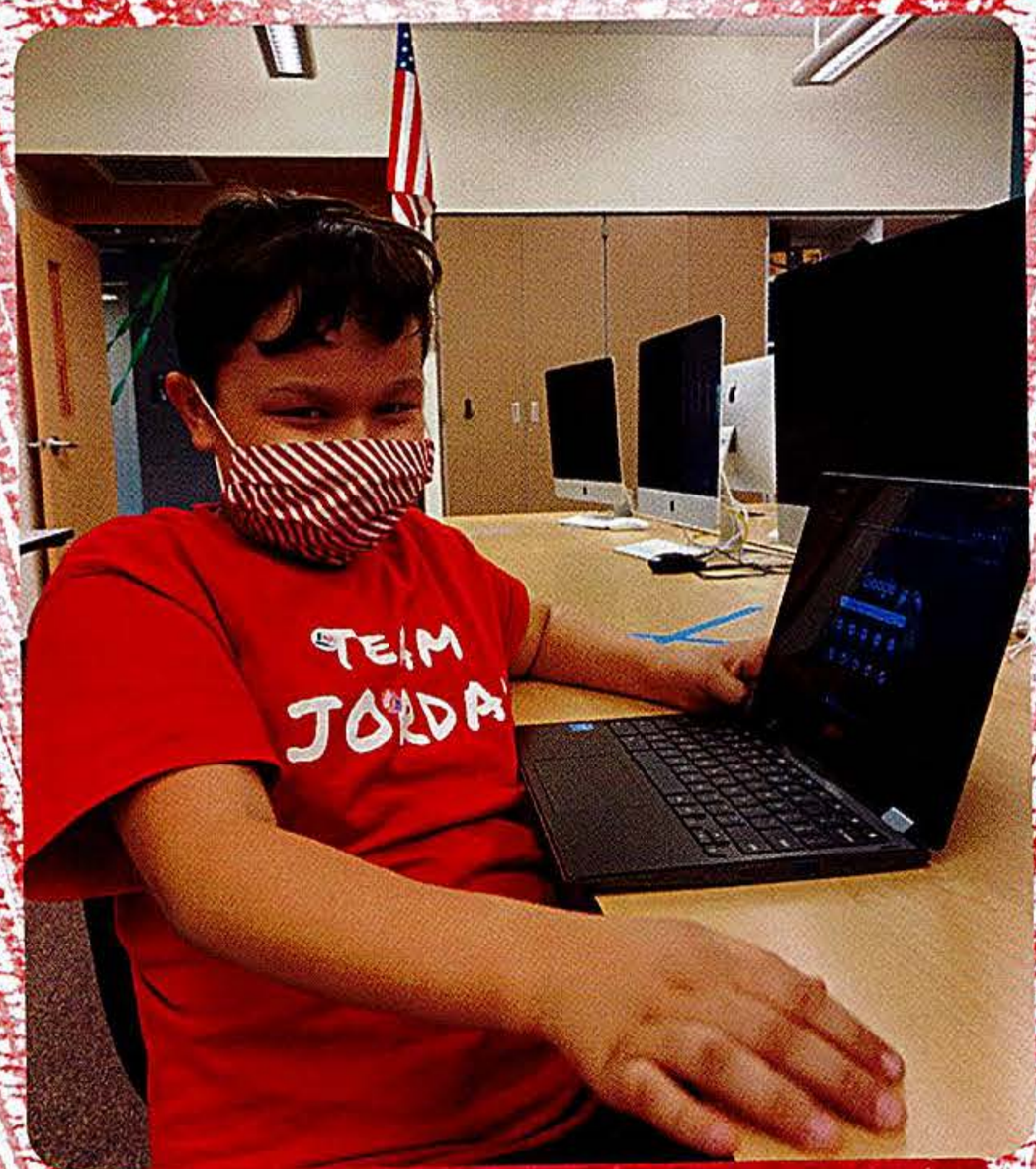
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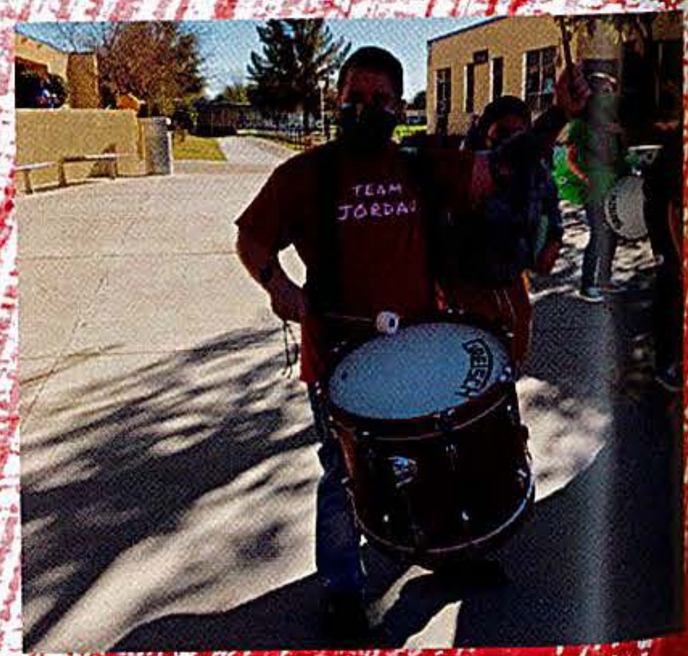
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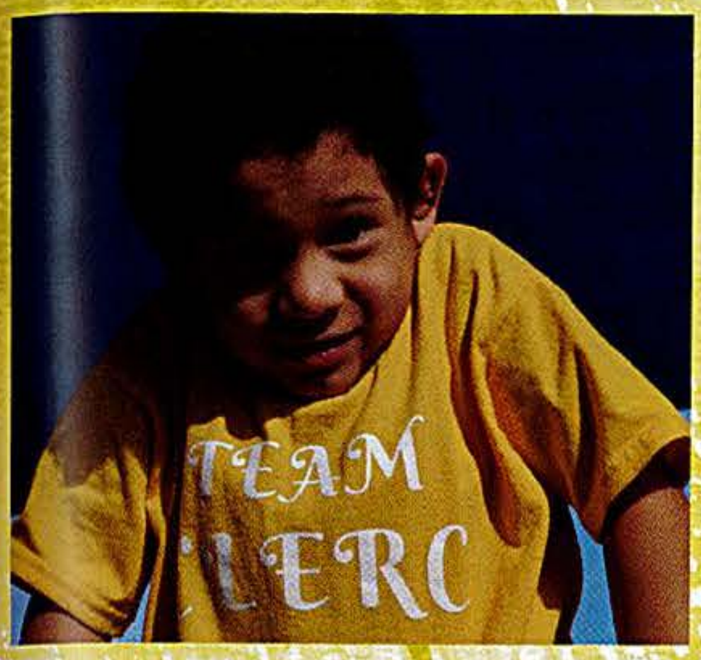
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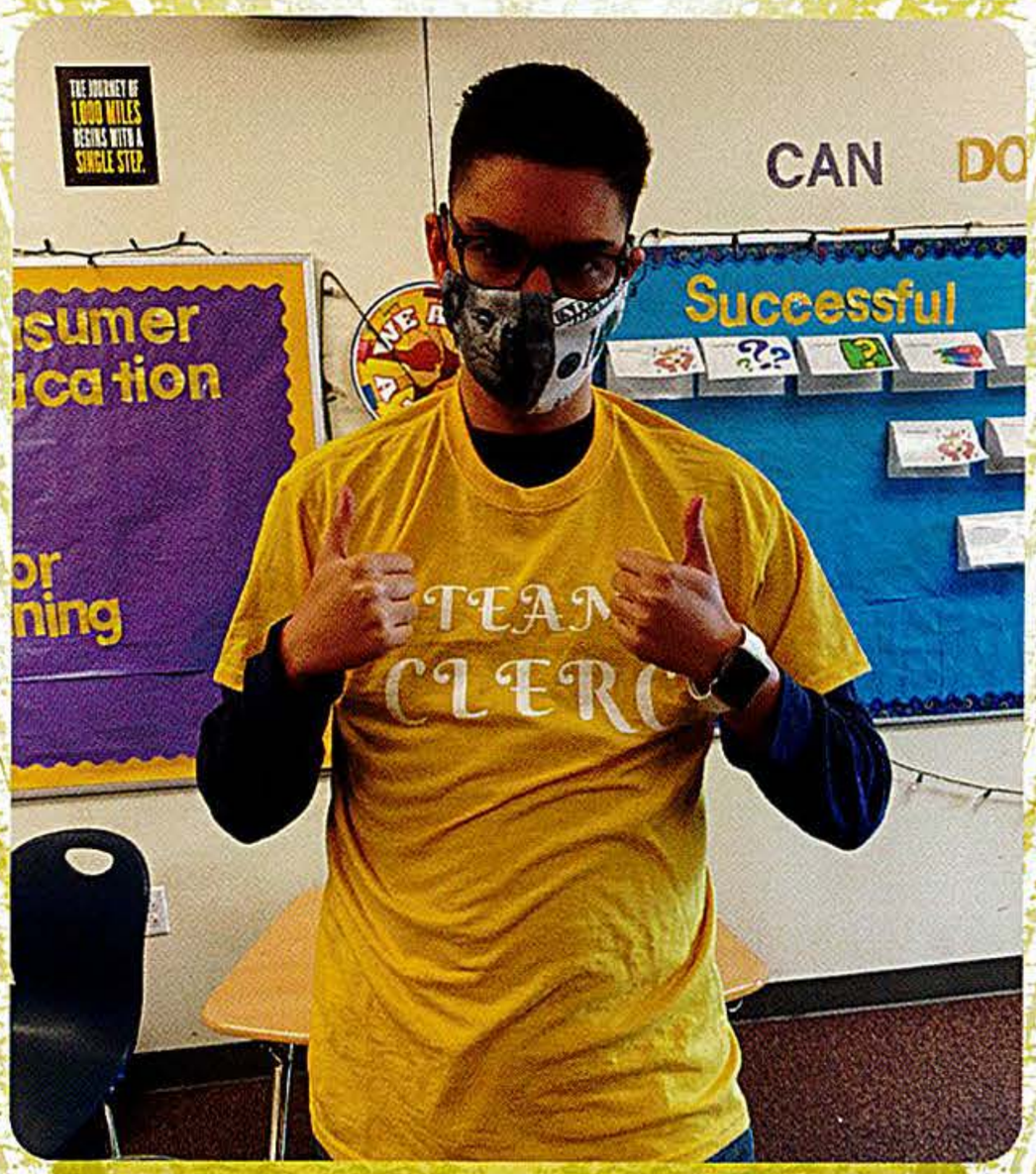
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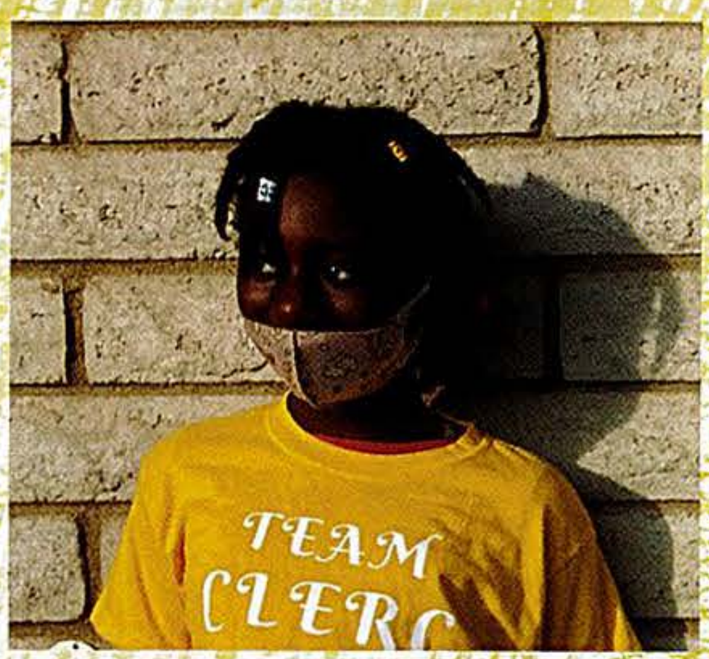
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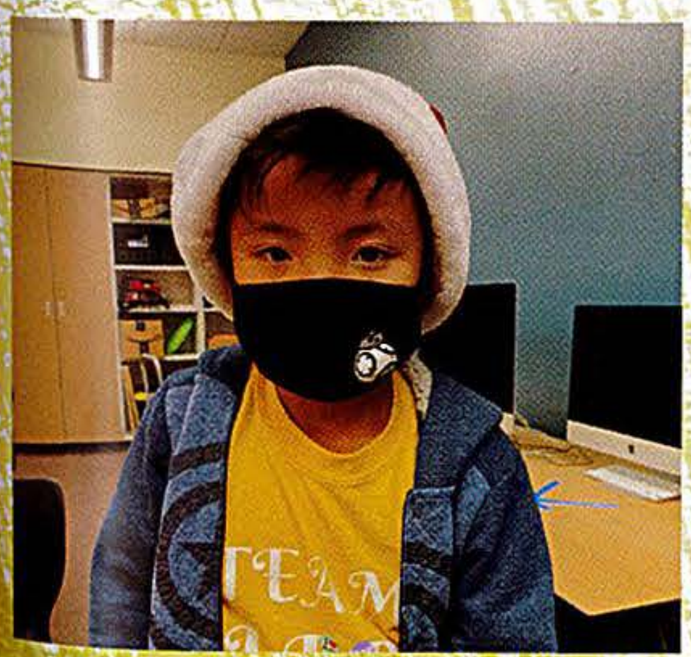
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Richard Suiter

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CLERC

BOARDING PASS

PDSD House System Spirit Week

FROM:
Phoenix, AZ

TO:
Atlanta, GA

BOARDING PASS

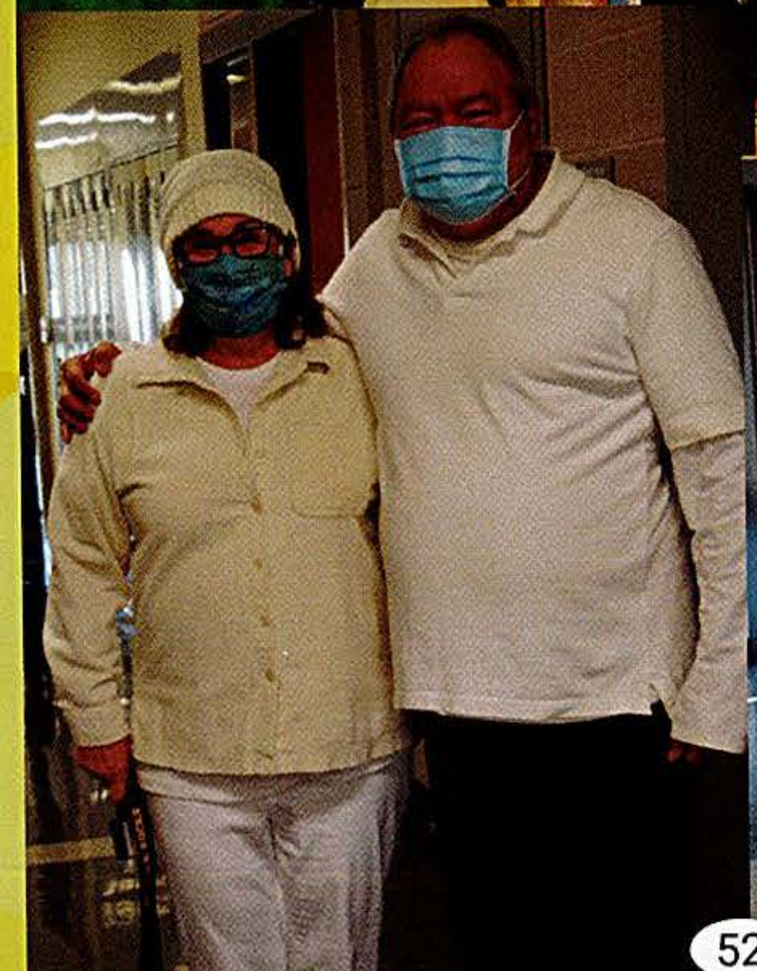
WHITE-OUT DAY

PAJAMAS DAY

WACKY WEDNESDAY

SPORTS DAY

PDSD HOUSE DAY



BOARDING PASS

Transformation Glow Day

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Glowworm Caves,
New Zealand

TO:
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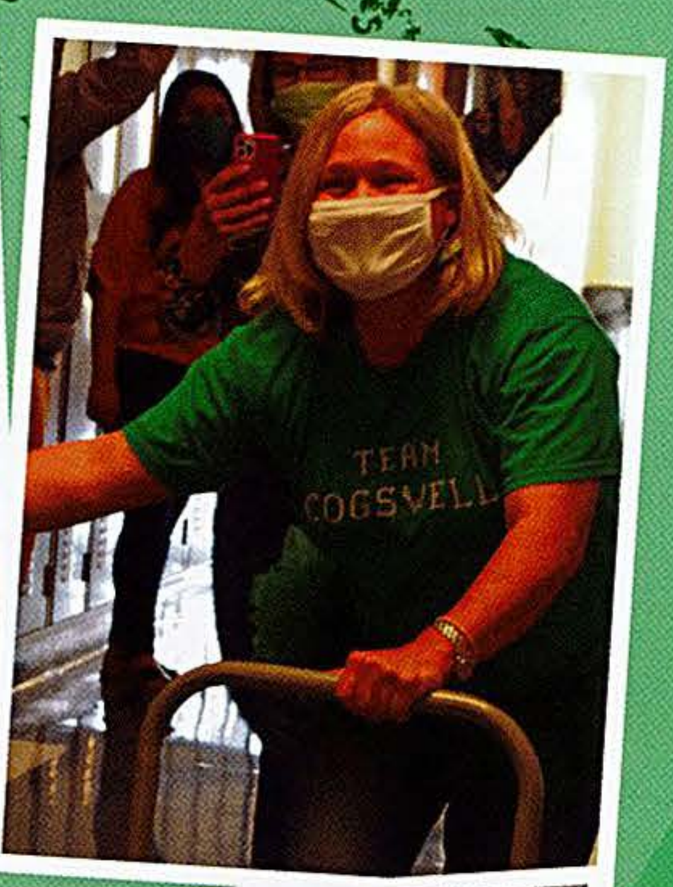
BOARDING PASS

House Champions 2019 - 2020

COGSWELL DAY



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Distance Learning

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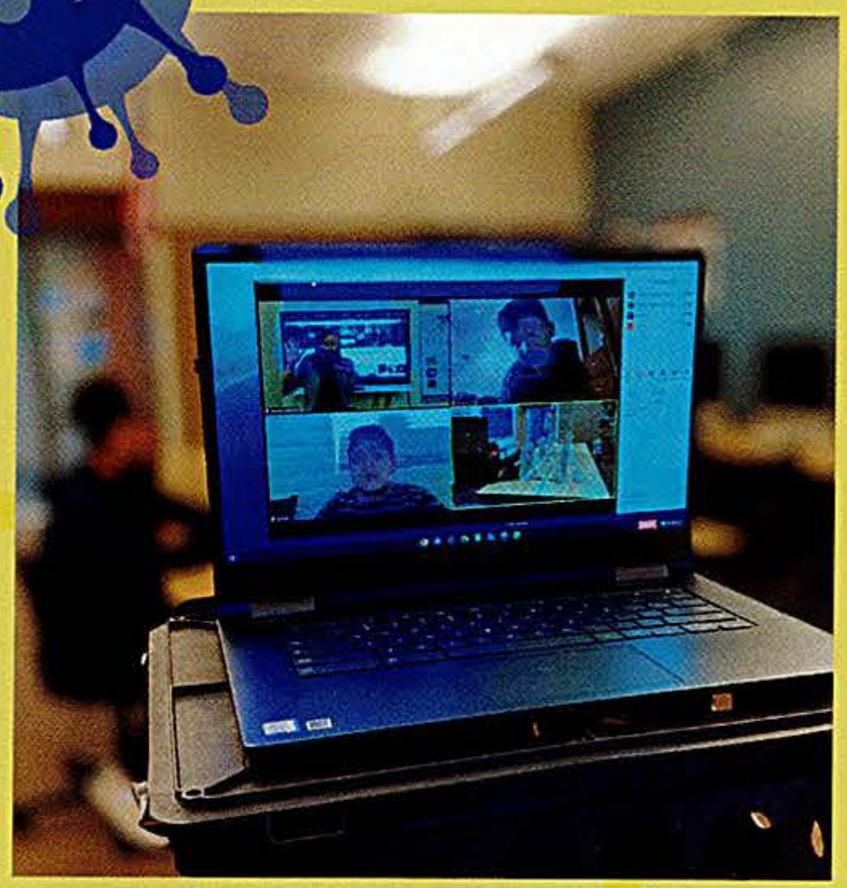
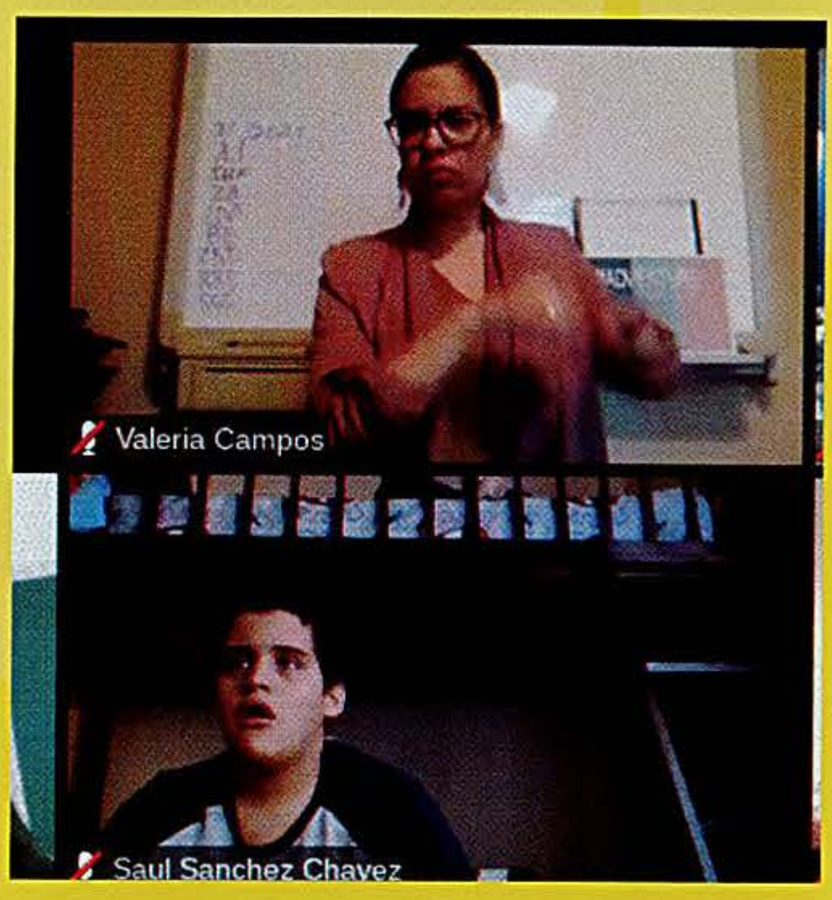
Phoenix, AZ

TO:
Tristan da Cunha,
South Africa

BOARDING PASS

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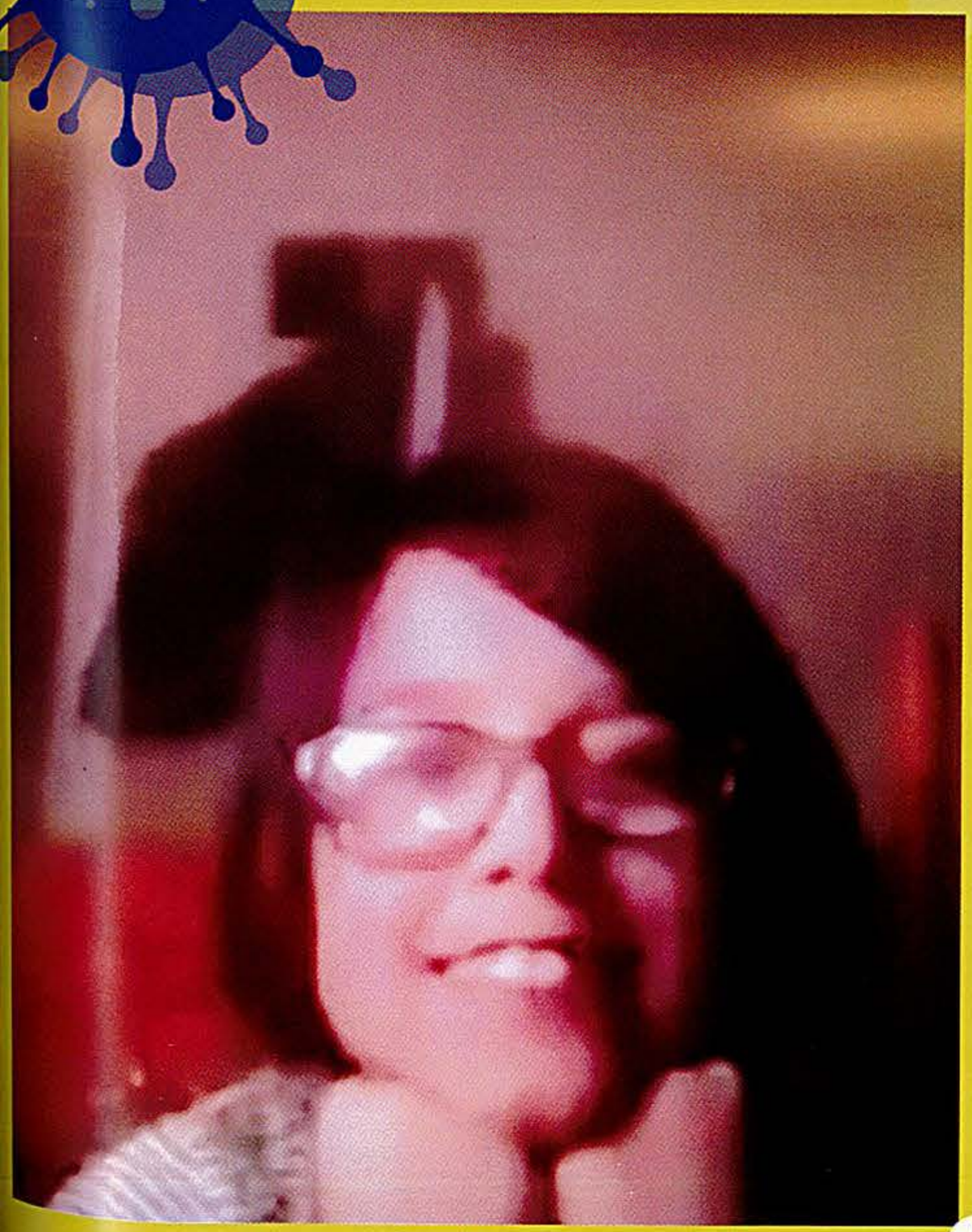
Saul Sanchez Chavez



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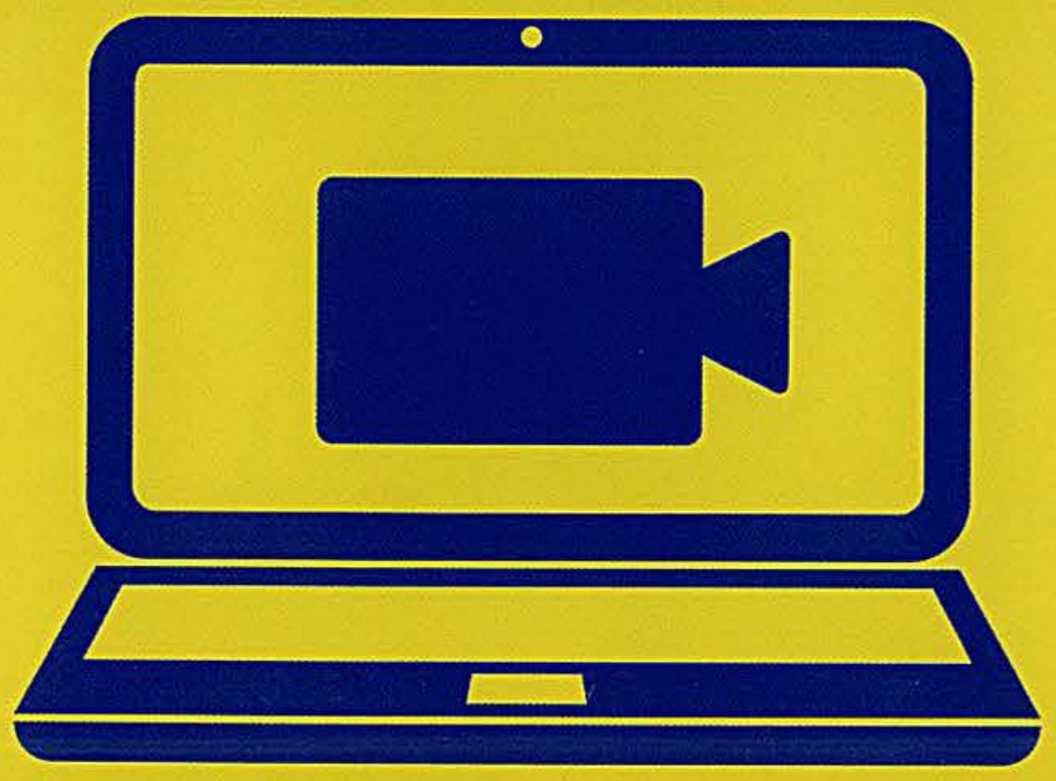

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Back to In-Person Learning

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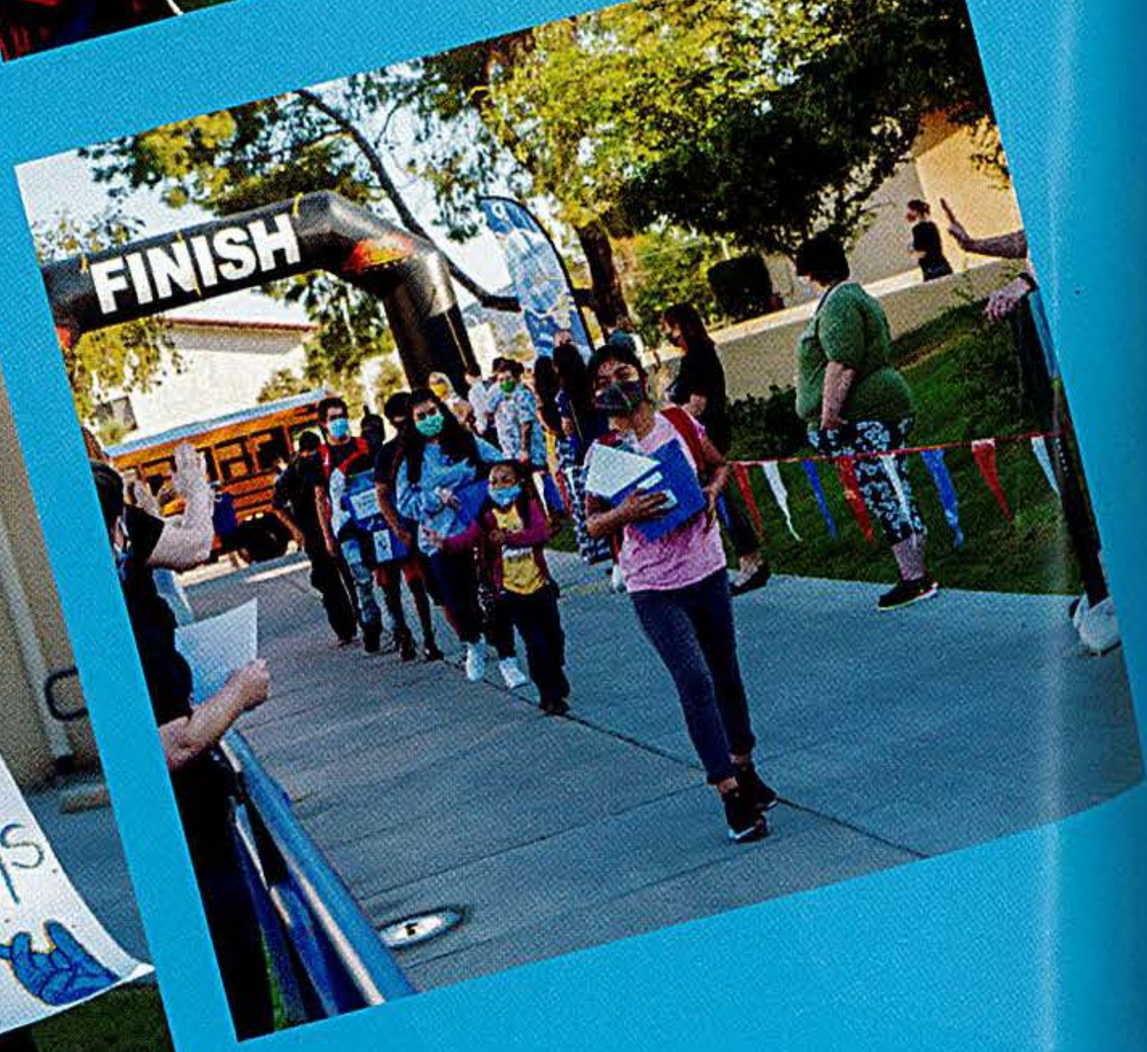
Maui, HI

TO:
Phoenix, AZ

BOARDING PASS



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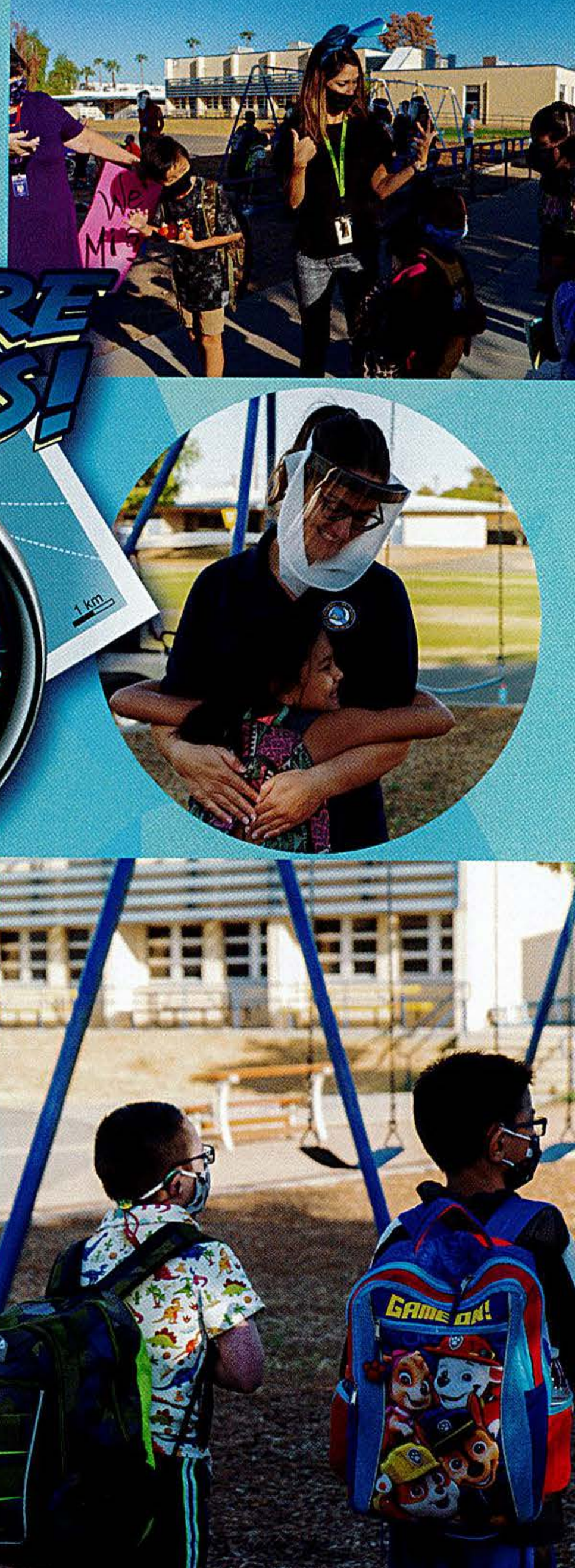

BOARDING PASS

Student Life

FROM:
Phoenix, AZ

TO:
Washington, DC

BOARDING PASS

ROADRUNNER COUNCIL

Zoe Abrams-Gay

Rue Abrams-Gay

Alejandra Acosta

Jacqueline Albert

Ducati Camacho

Faith Makarewicz

Christie Abrams
and
Masa Nakama

ACADEMIC BOWL

Rue
Abrams-Gay

Zoe
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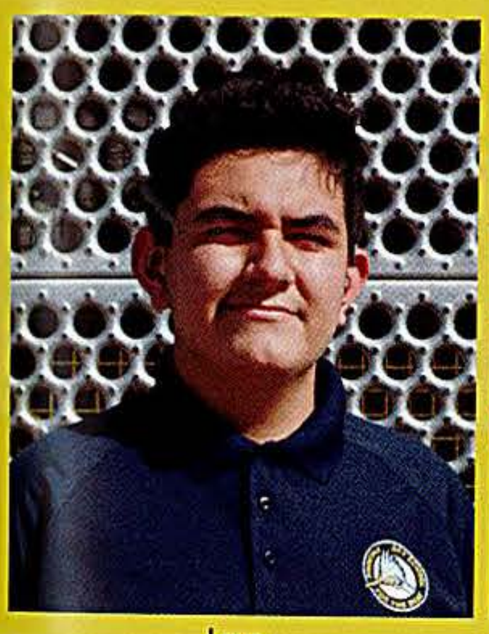
Ally
Acosta

Jackie
Albert

Ducati
Camacho



Ian
Hernendez

Faith
Makarewicz

Scott
Madsen
Coach

Christie
Abrams
Coach

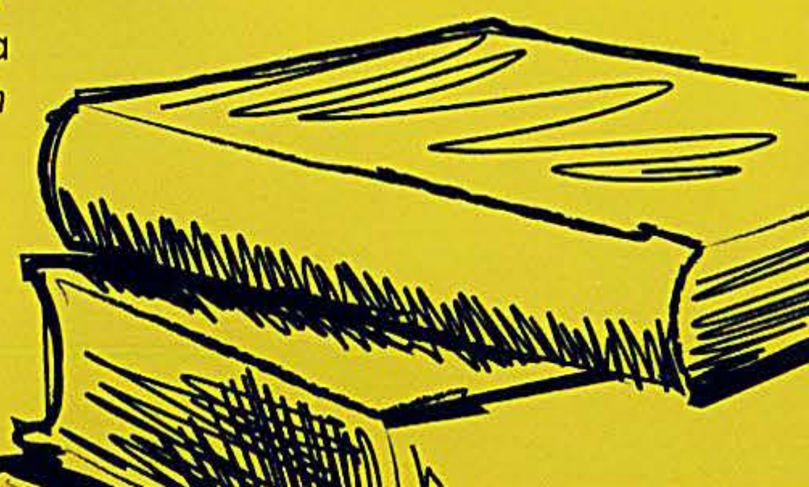
BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Miriam
Mendez

Micheal
Montenegro Alvarez

Jane
Garza
Coach

Not Pictured: Miracle Brooks



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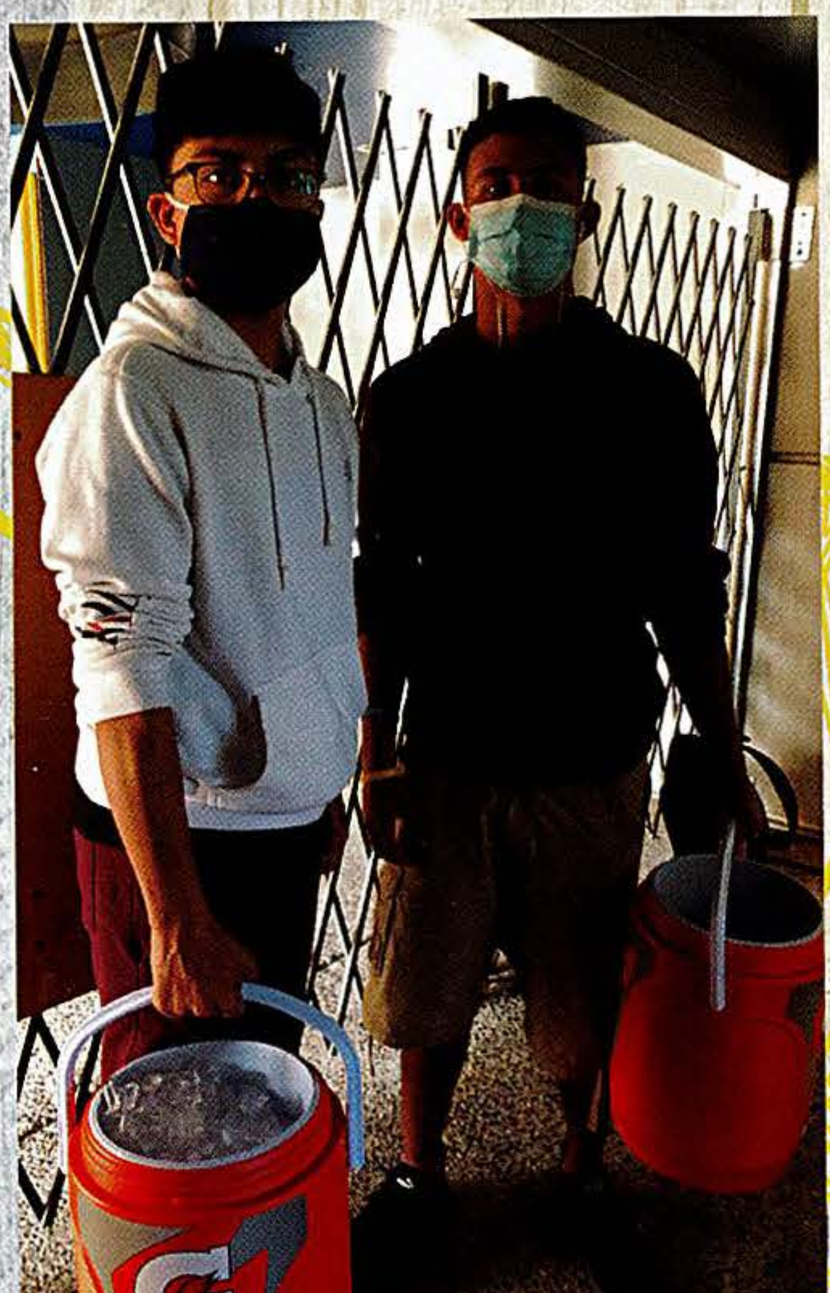
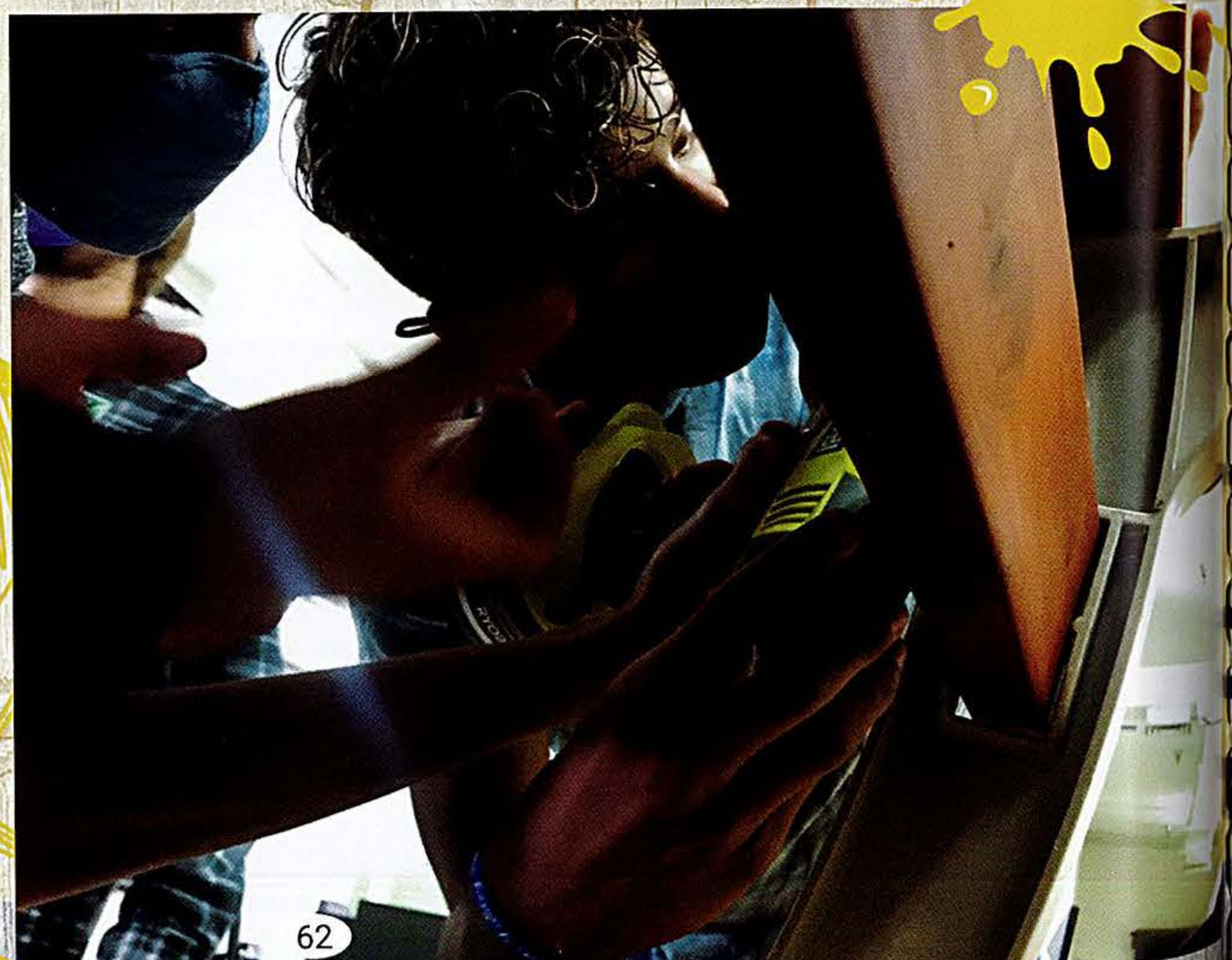
High School Woodshop Class

FROM:
Birmingham, AL

TO:
Phoenix, AZ

BOARDING PASS





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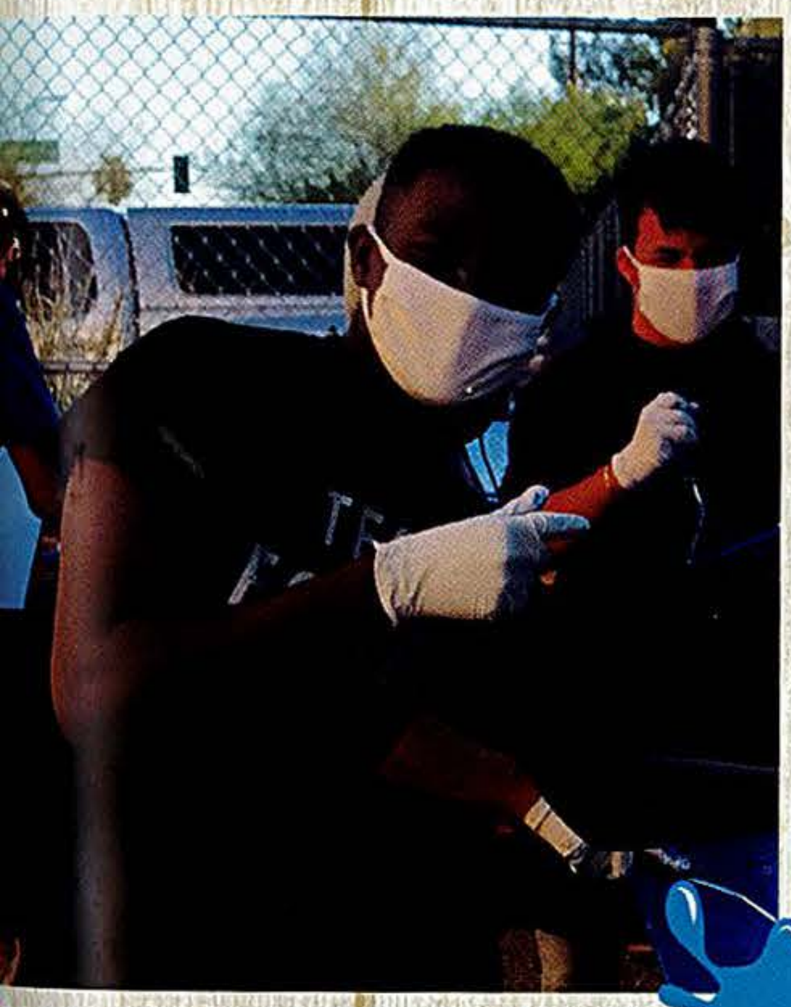
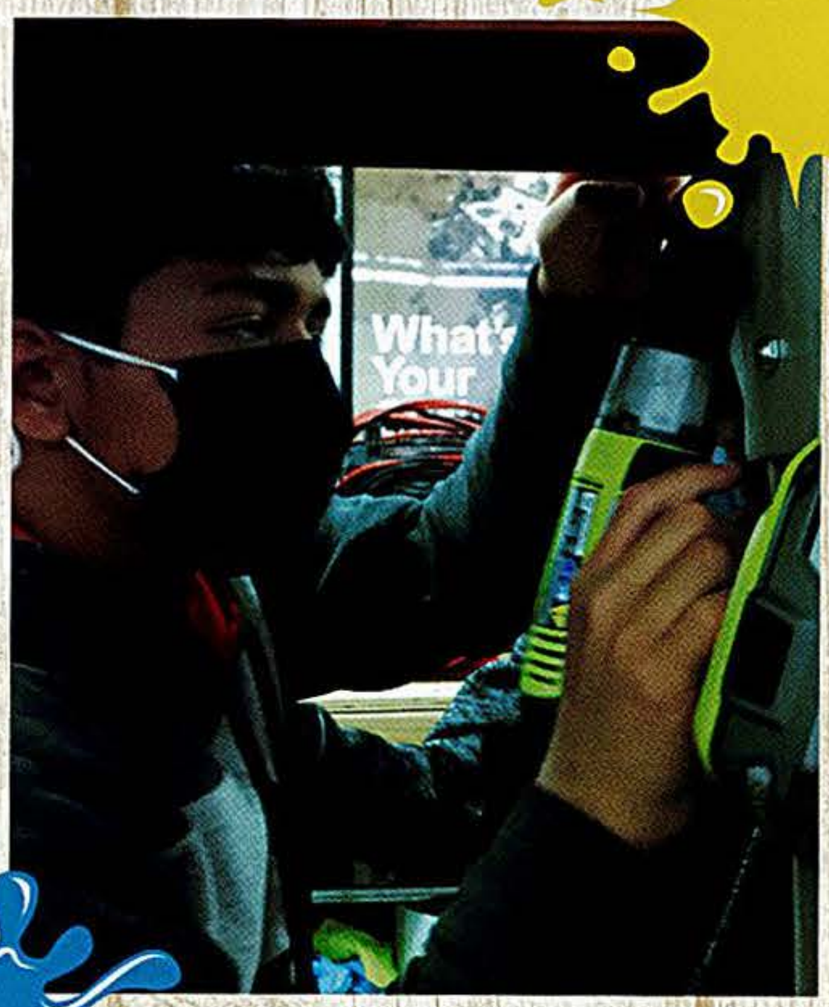
HAWKS

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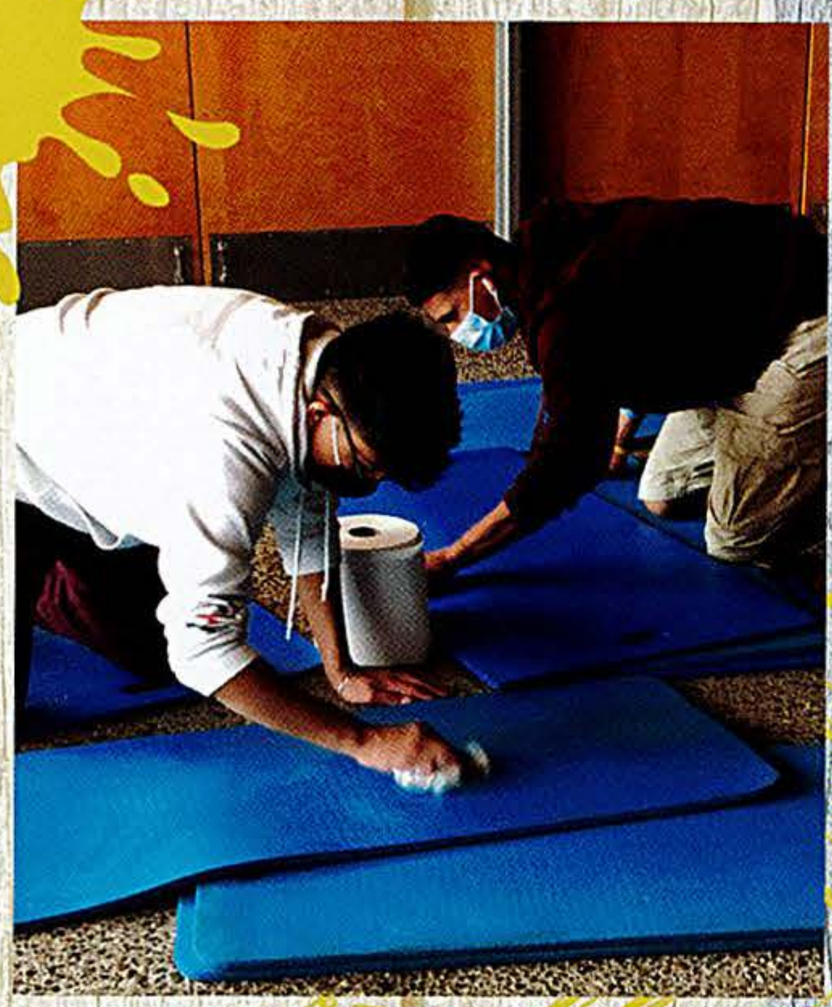

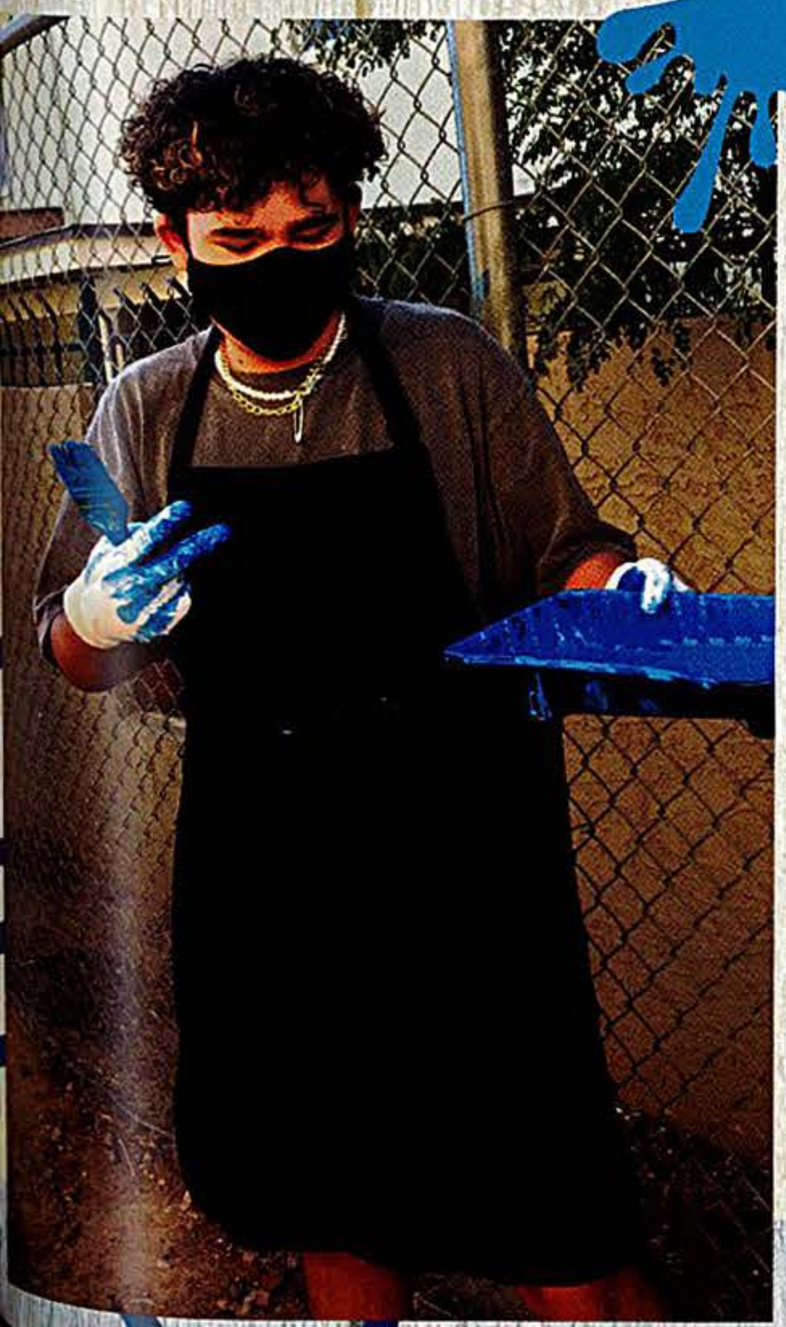

Reebok

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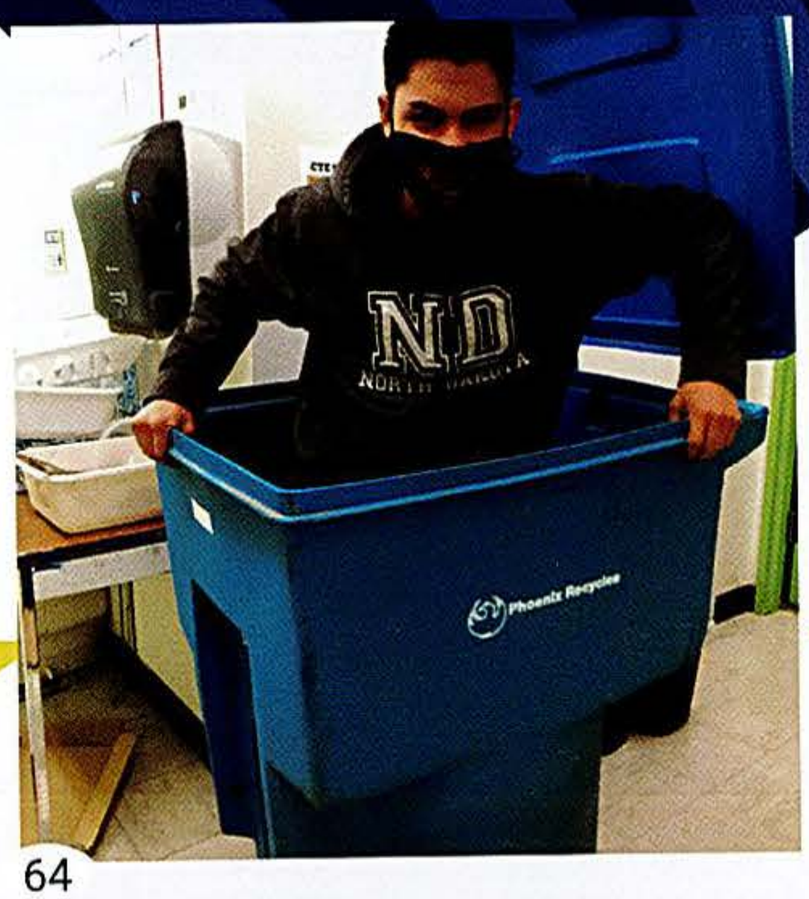
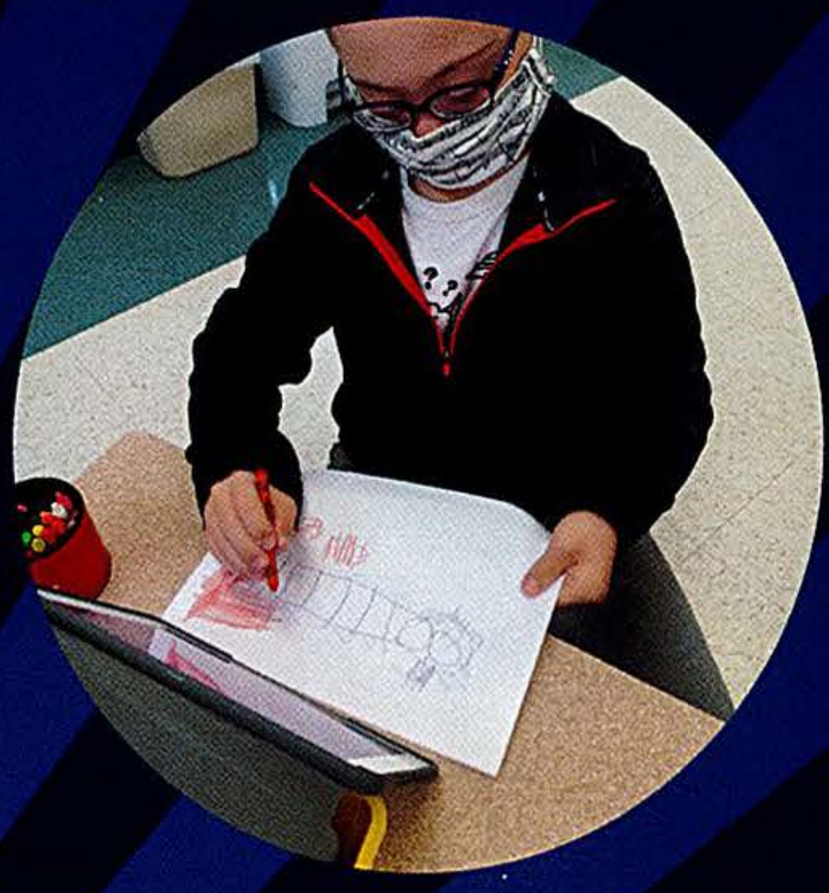
Life Skills

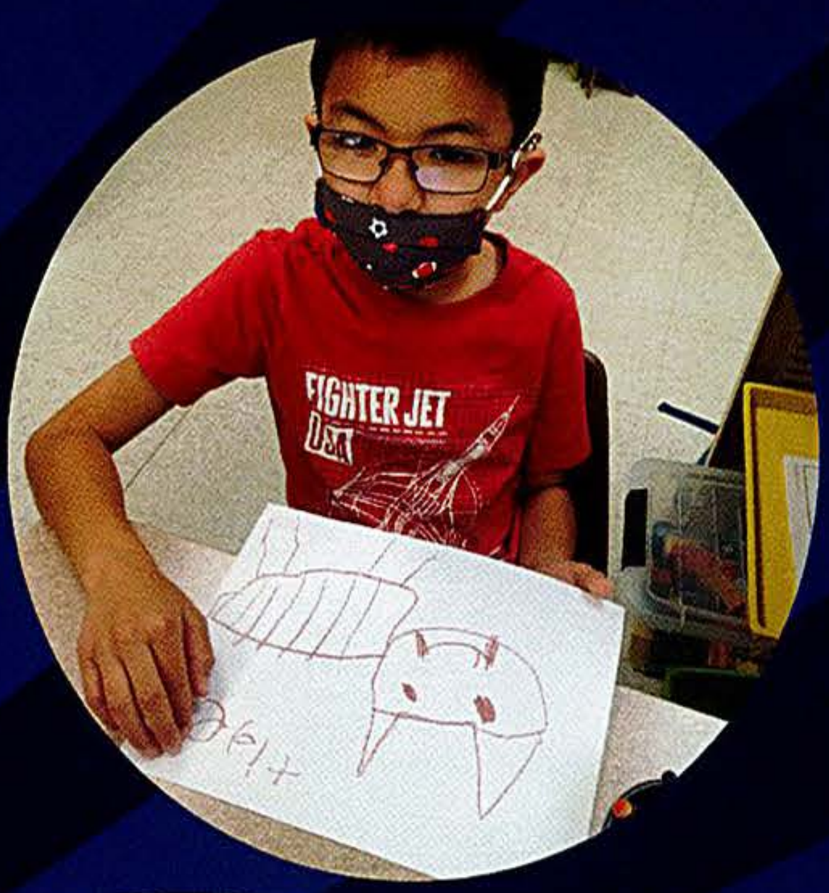
FROM:
New Orleans, LA

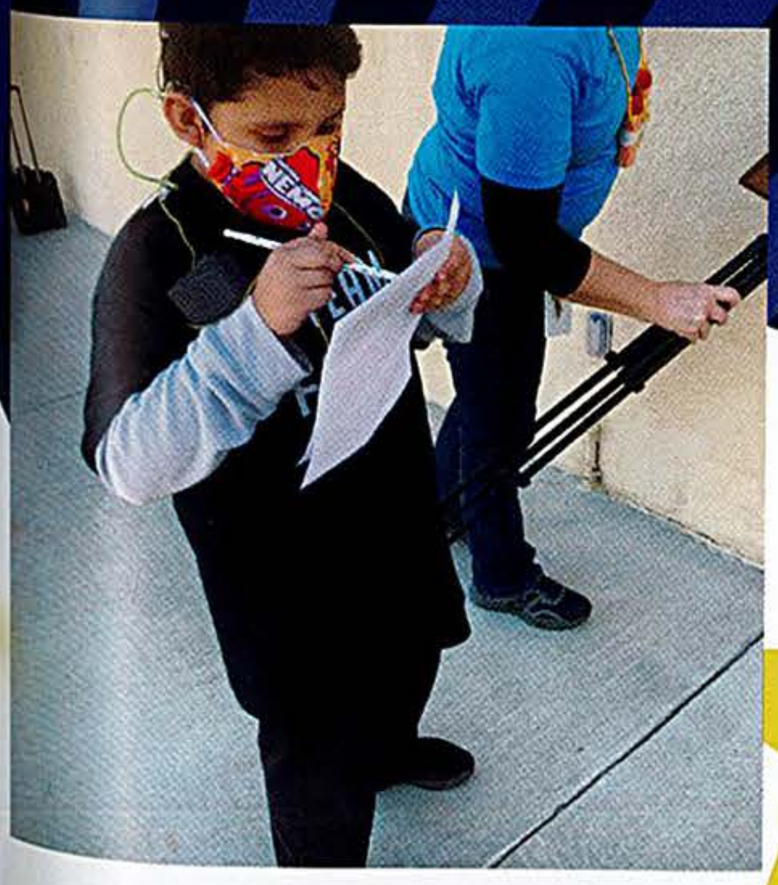
TO:
Phoenix, AZ

BOARDING PASS









8TH GRADE PROMOTION DRIVE-THRU!

9TH FRESHMEN ADMISSION

CONGRATS!

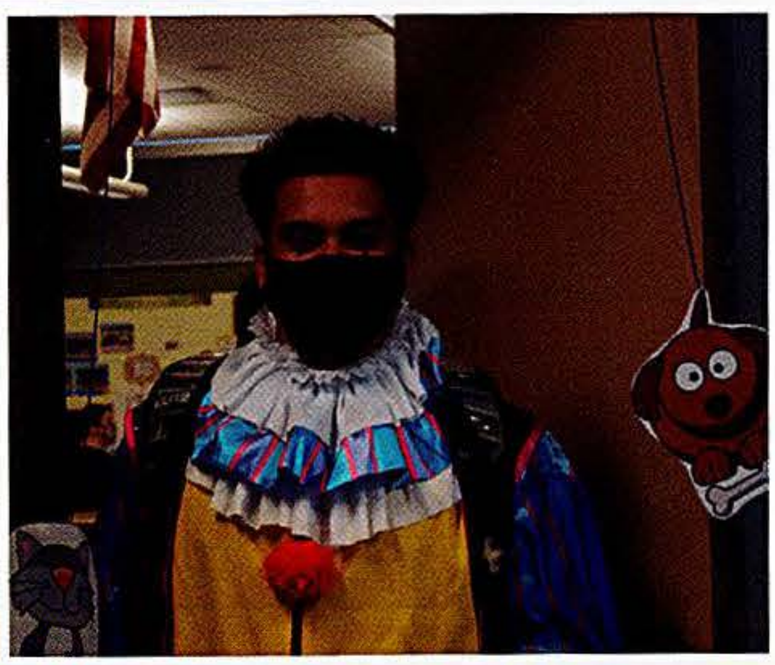
BOARDING PASS

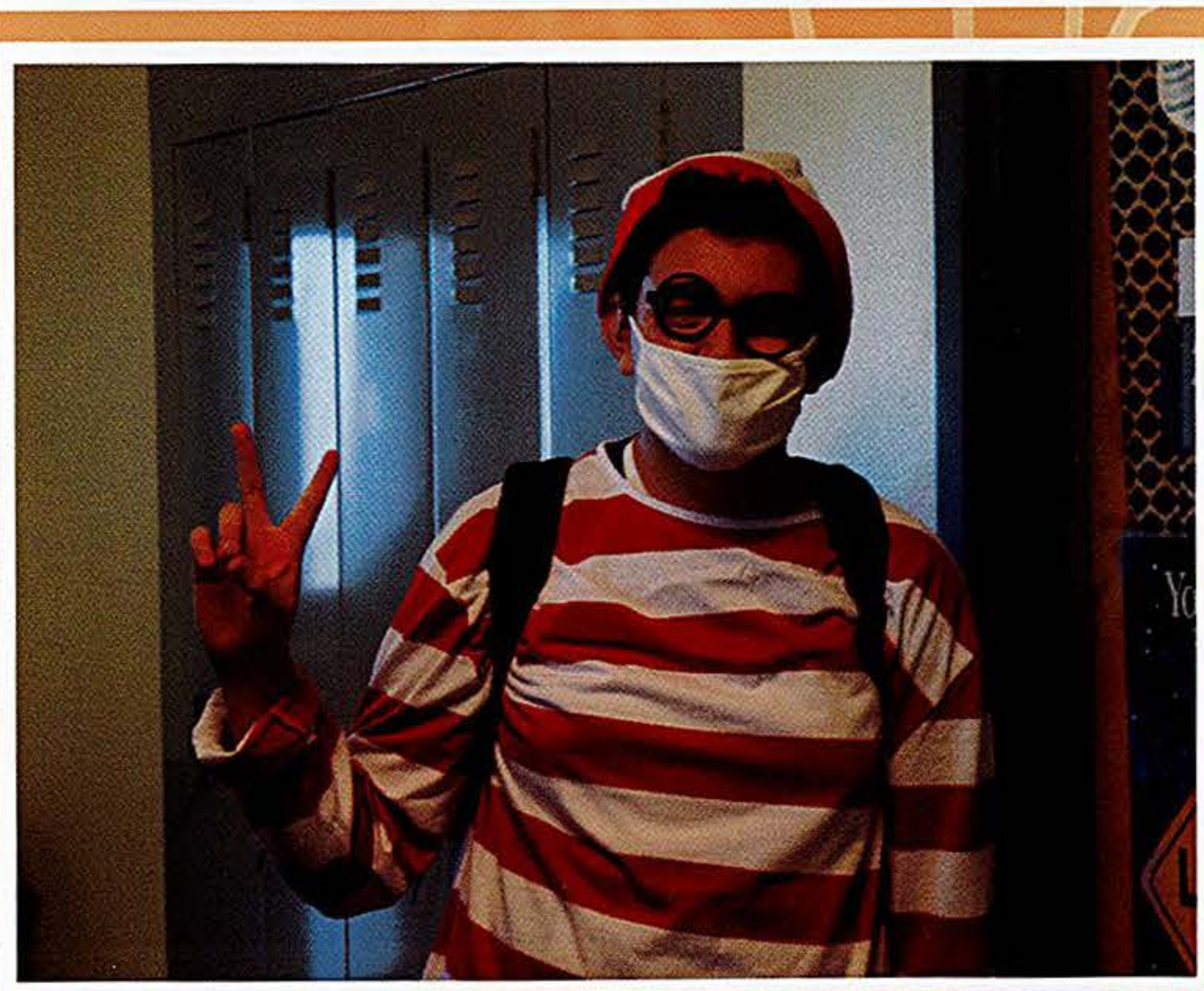
Halloween

FROM:
Phoenix, AZ

TO:
Sleepy Hollow, NY

BOARDING PASS





BOARDING PASS

Holidays

FROM:
Elf Road, North Pole

TO:
Phoenix, AZ

BOARDING PASS

HOT
MESS
EXPRESS

TEAM
LAUDE

PLEA
WEAR
HUMANITY

BOARDING PASS

Valentine's Day Photo Booth

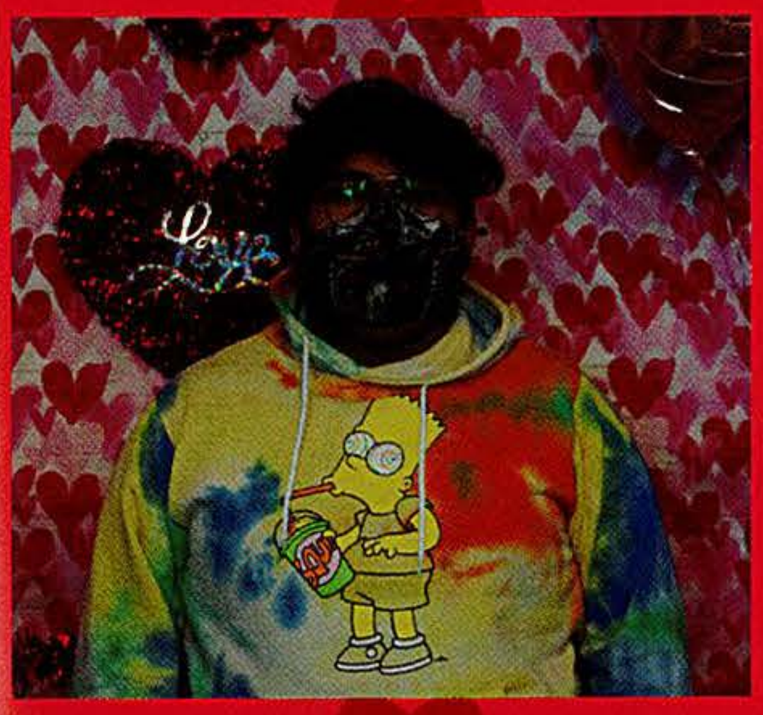
FROM:
Phoenix, Arizona

TO:
Paris, France

BOARDING PASS

Spread love everywhere you go

From our hearts to yours.



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Super Spirit Week

FROM:
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TO:
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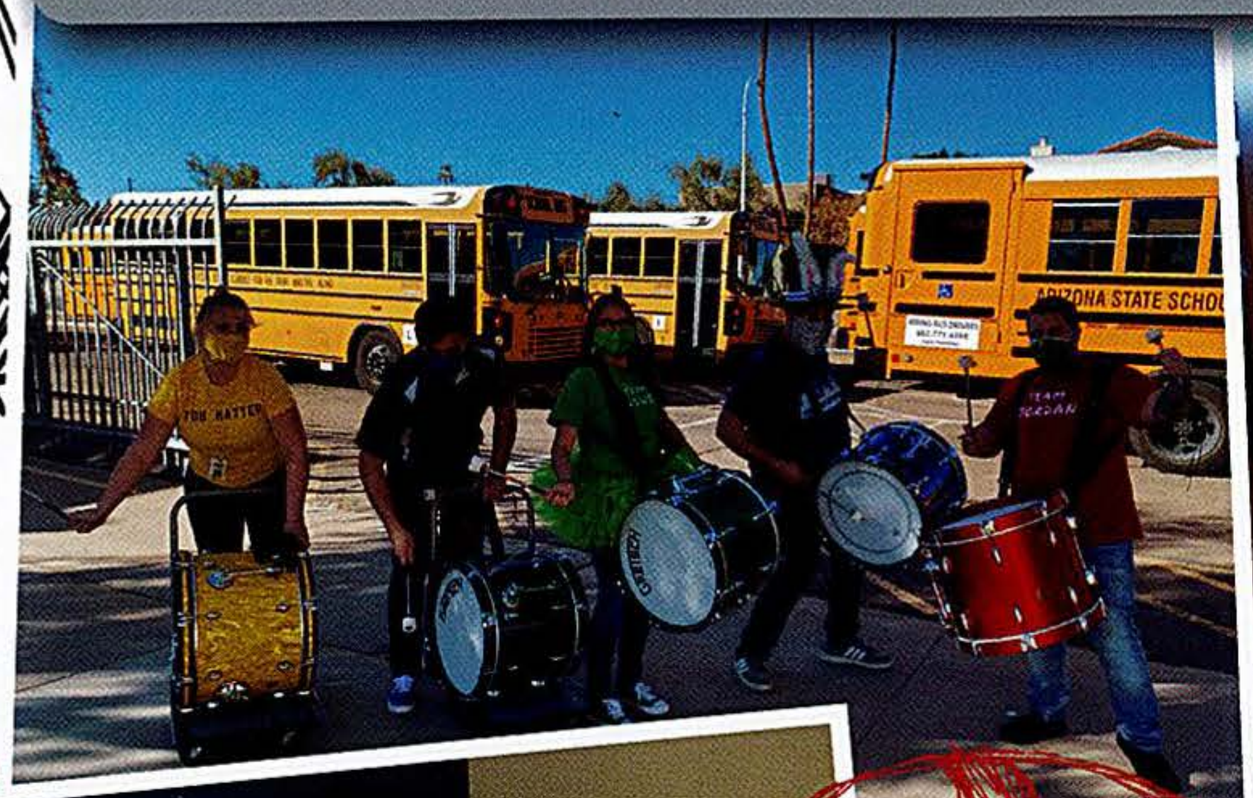

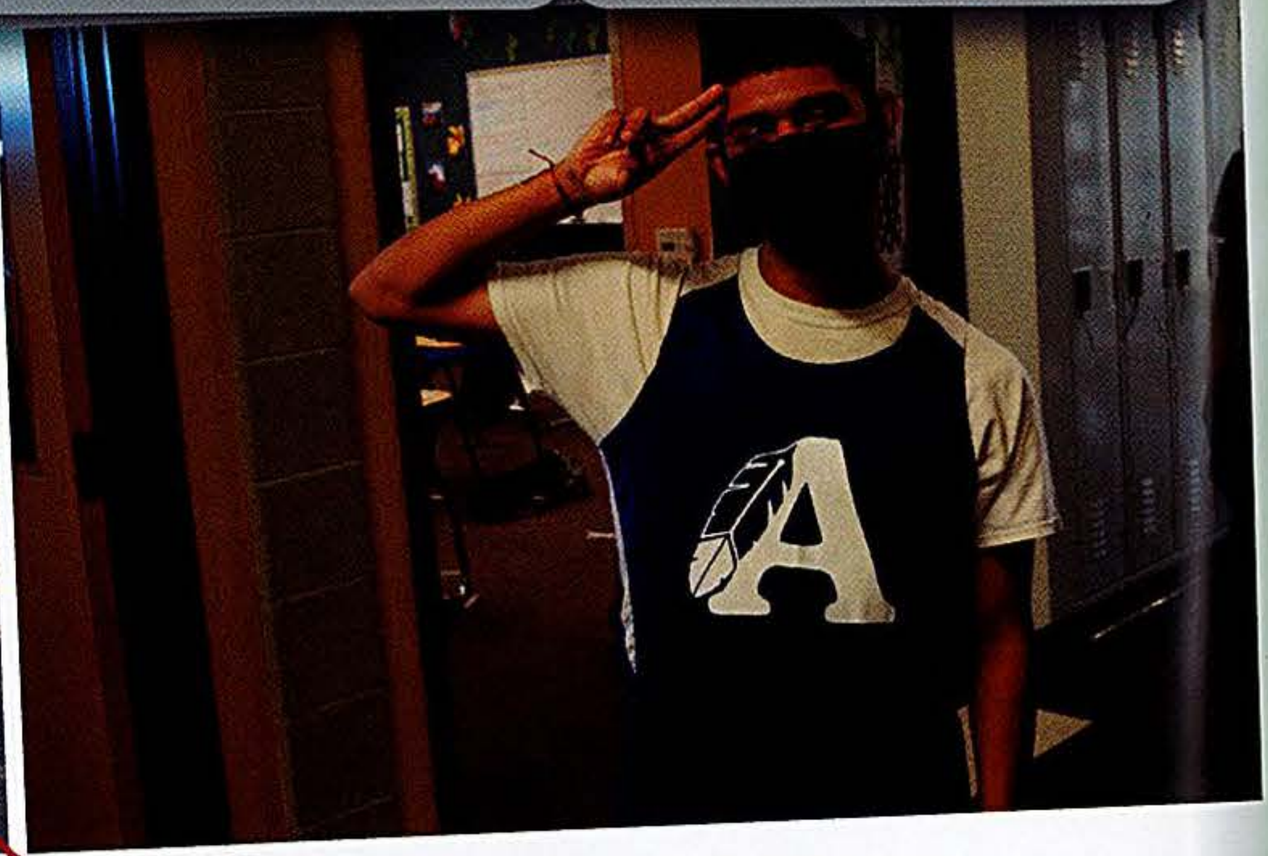

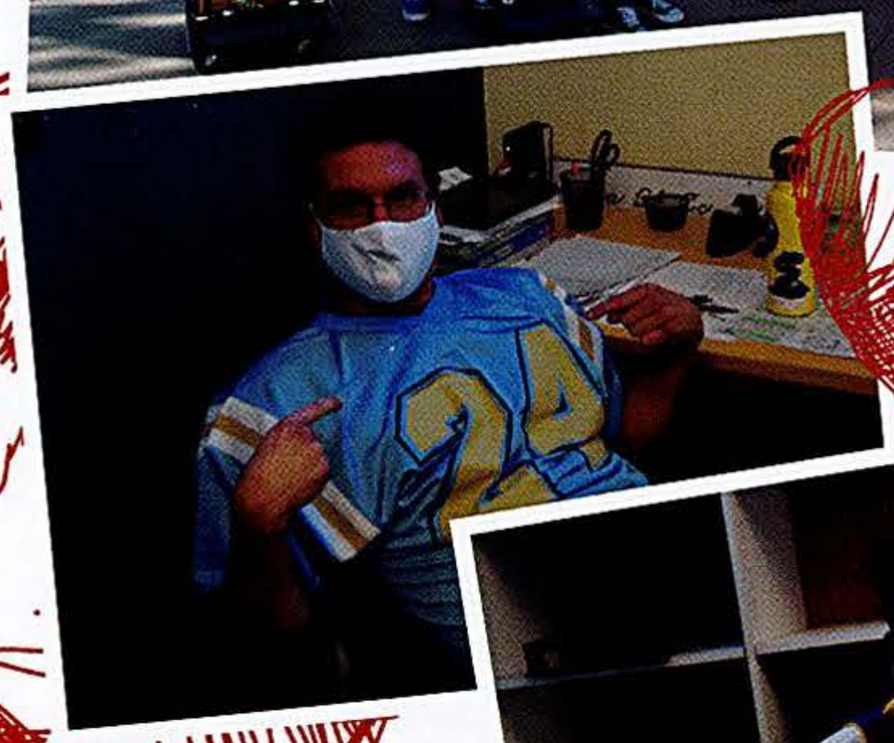

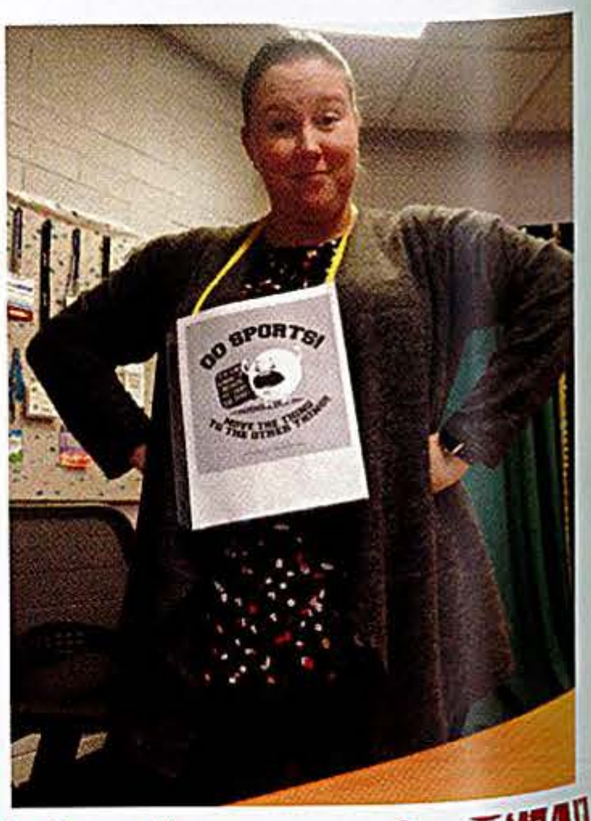

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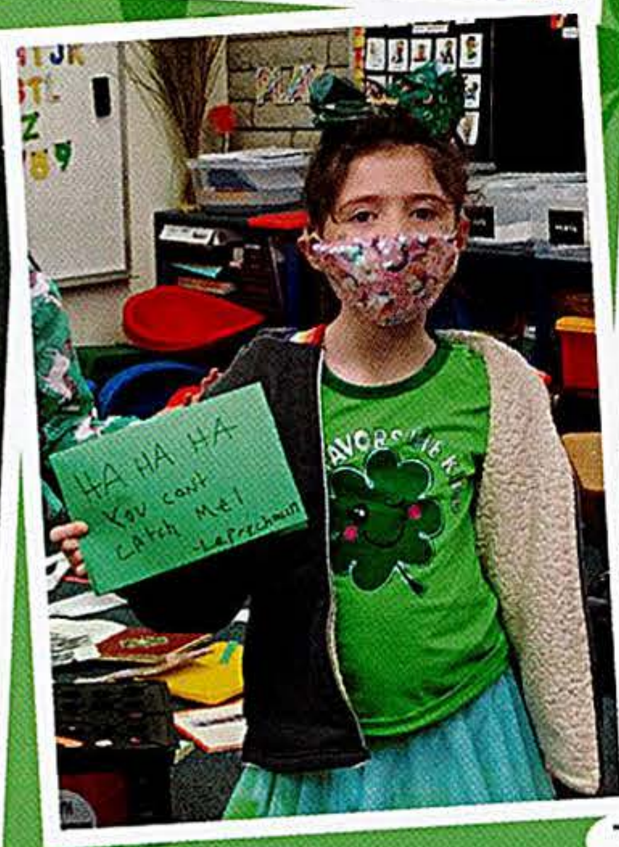
St. Patrick's Day

FROM:
Dublin, Ireland

TO:
Phoenix, AZ

BOARDING PASS



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TSW Career Day

Kindergarten and 2nd Grade

FROM:
London,
United Kingdom

TO:
Phoenix, AZ

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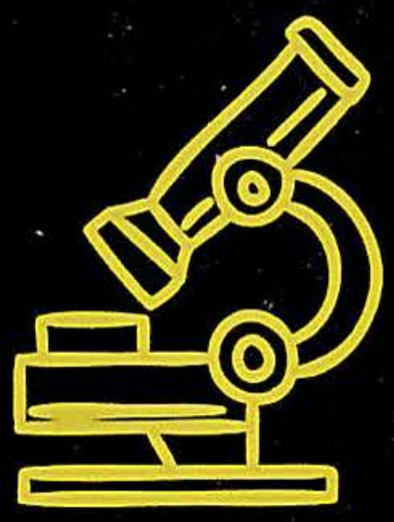

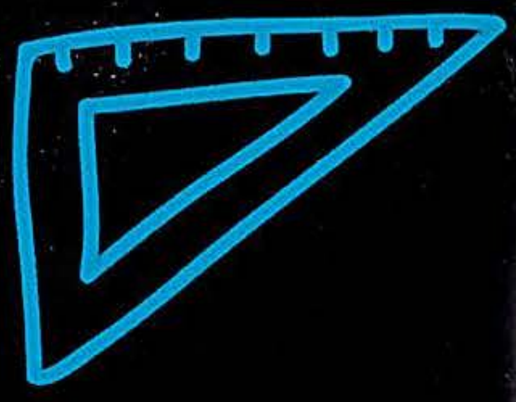

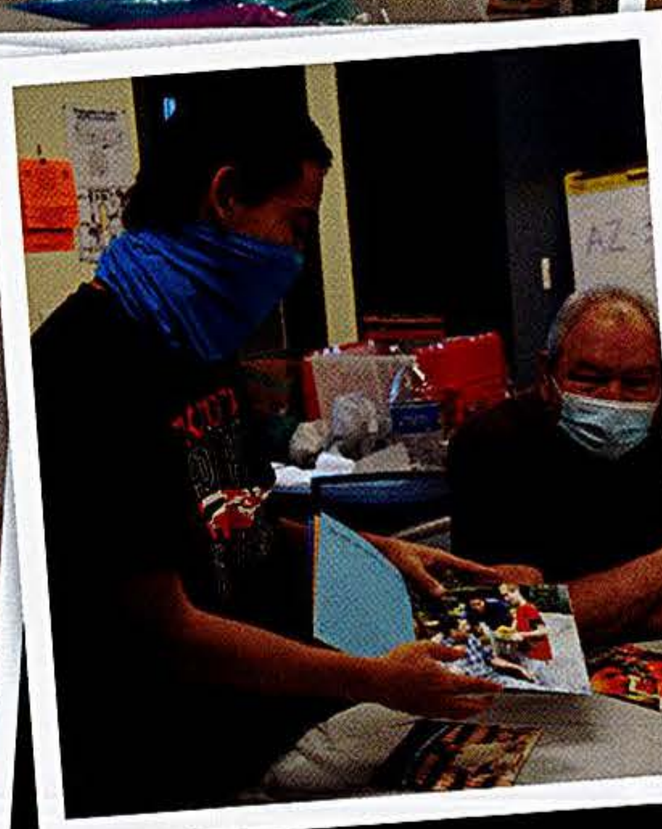

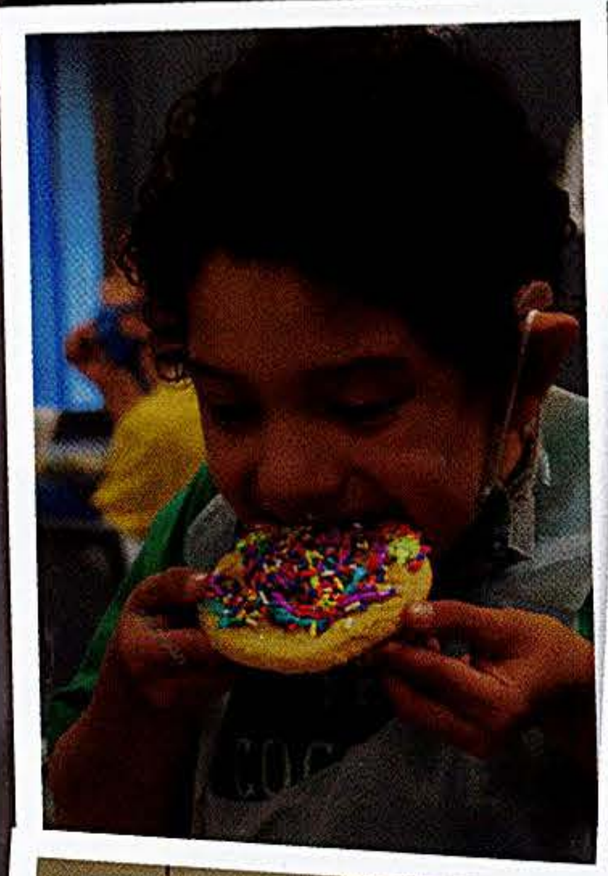

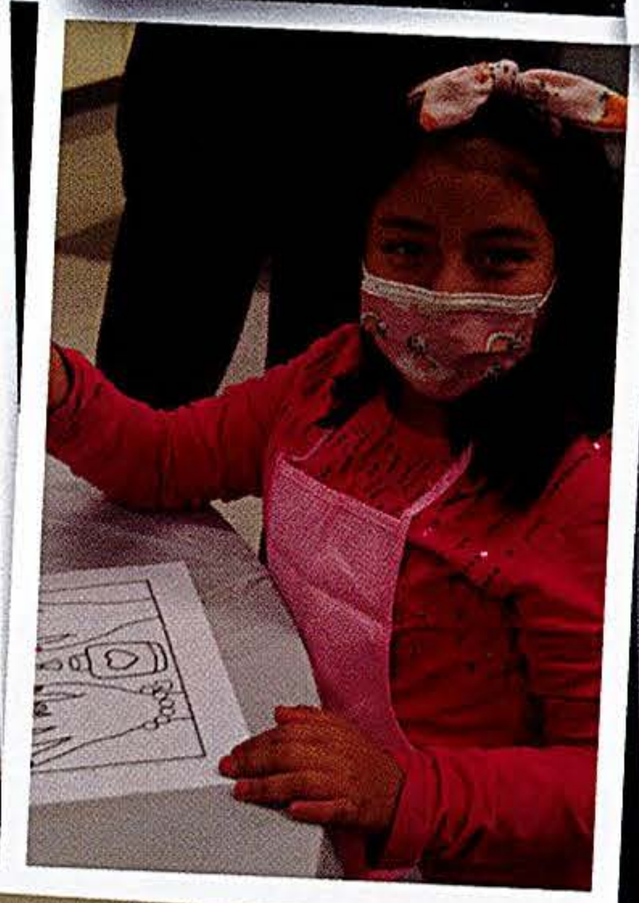

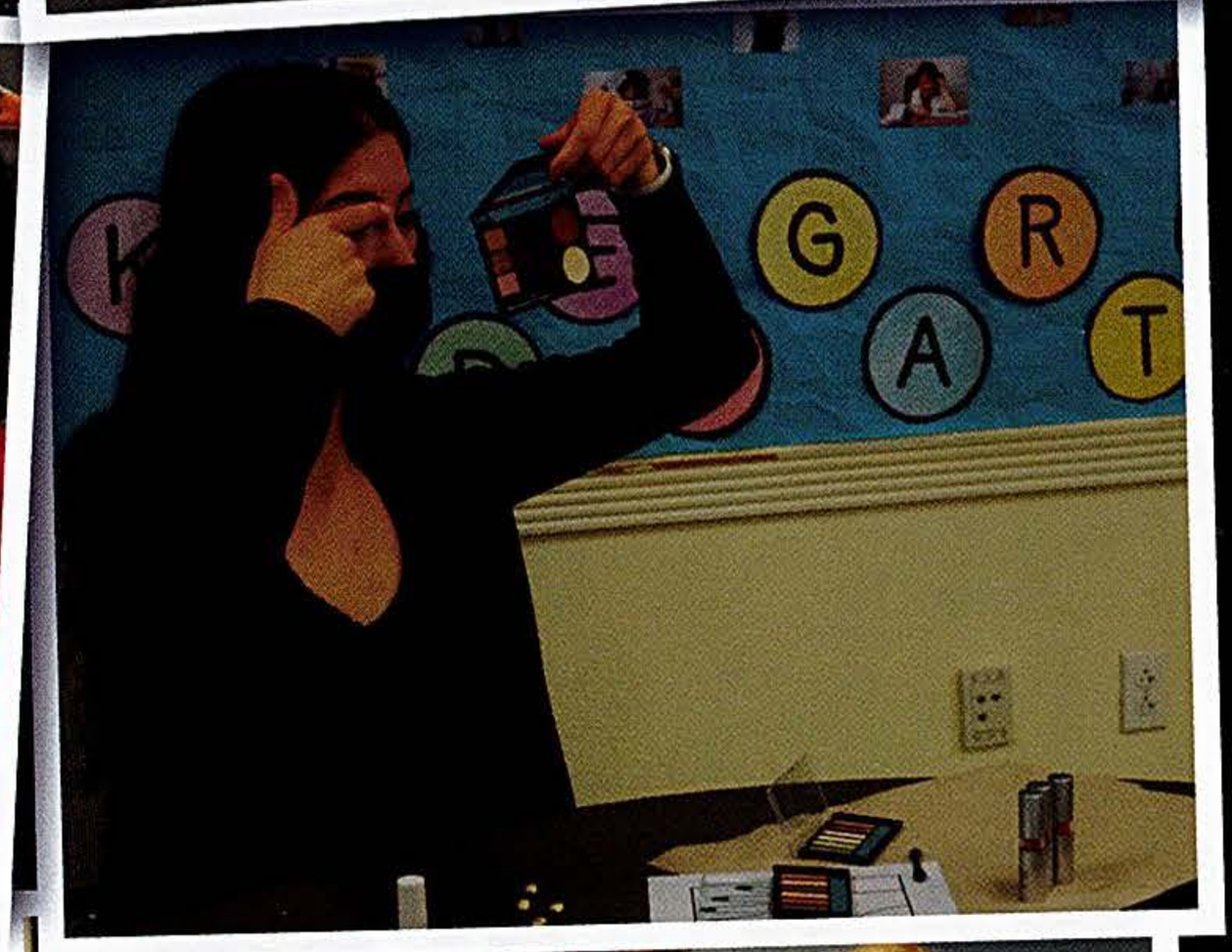

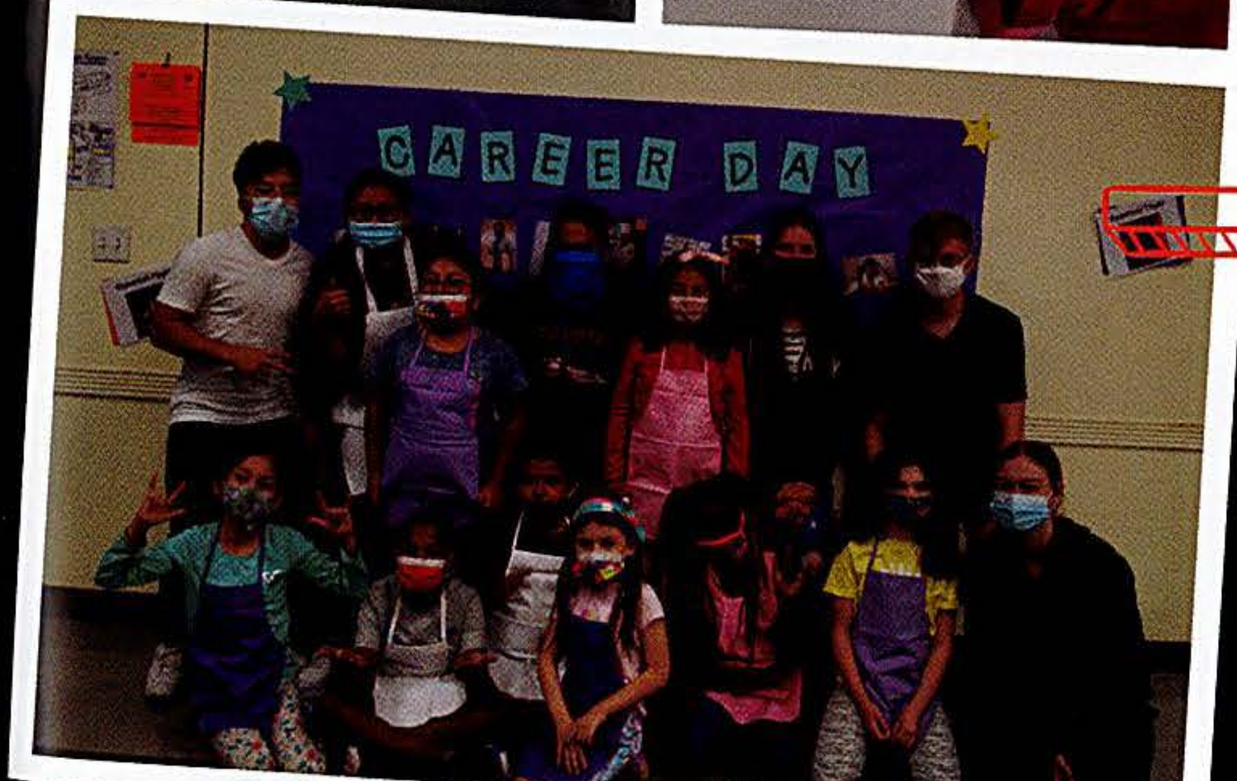
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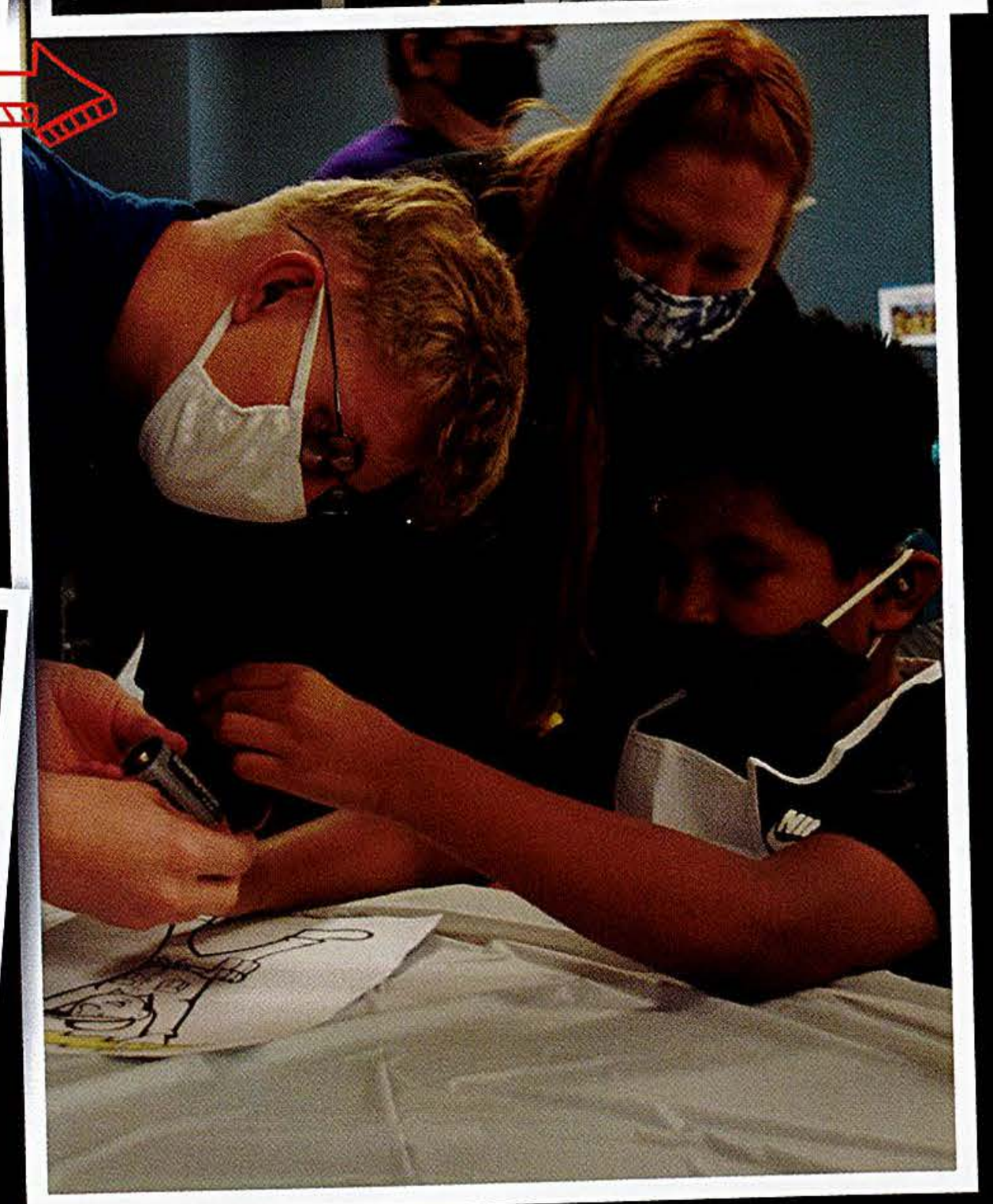
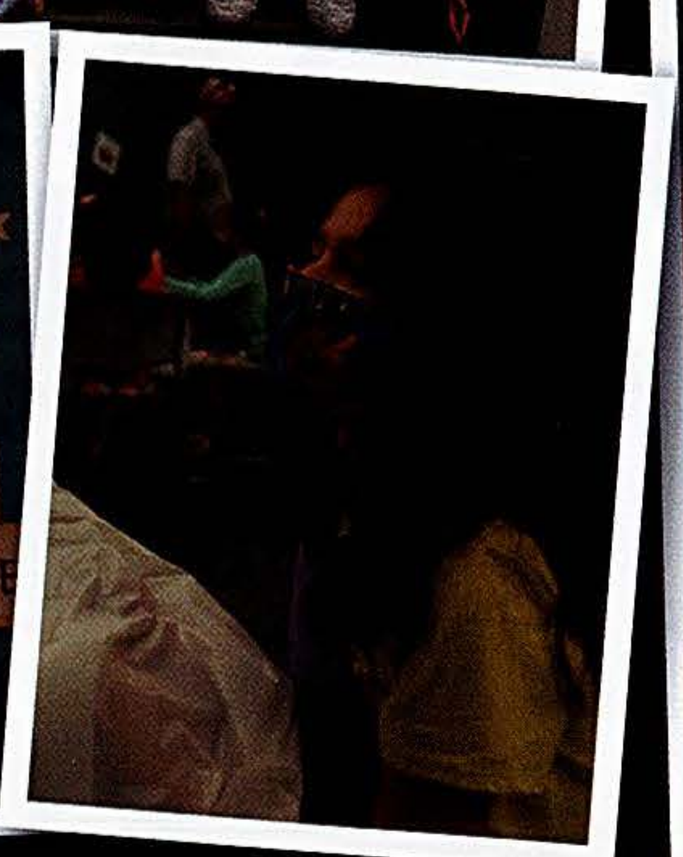


GROW
UP
I
WANT
TO
Chef



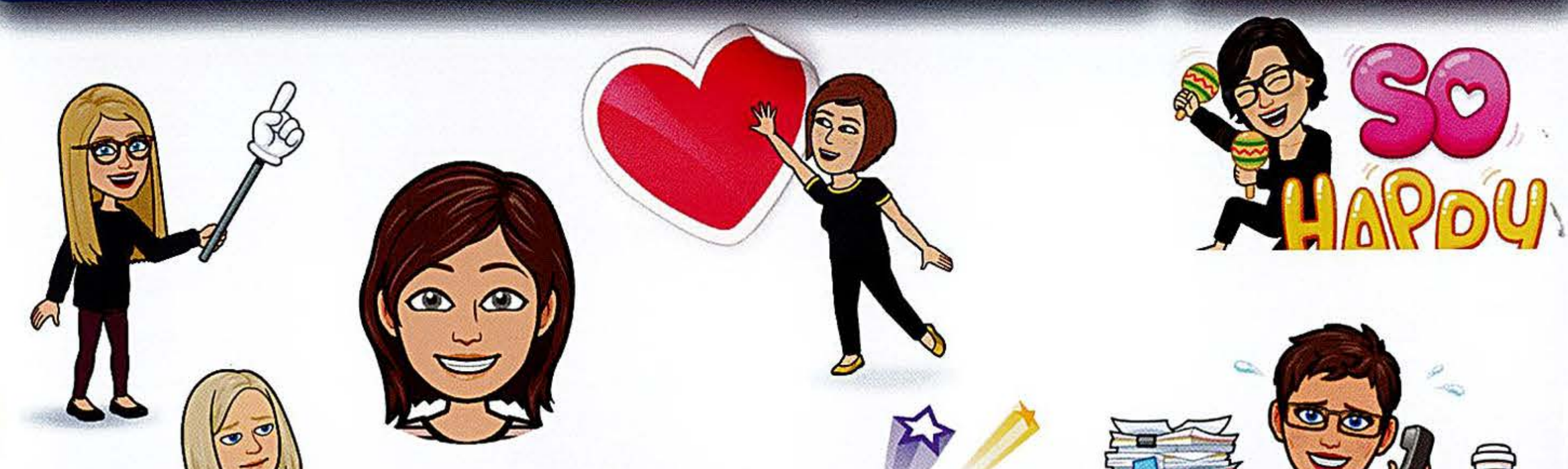
BOARDING PASS

Staff Bitmoji

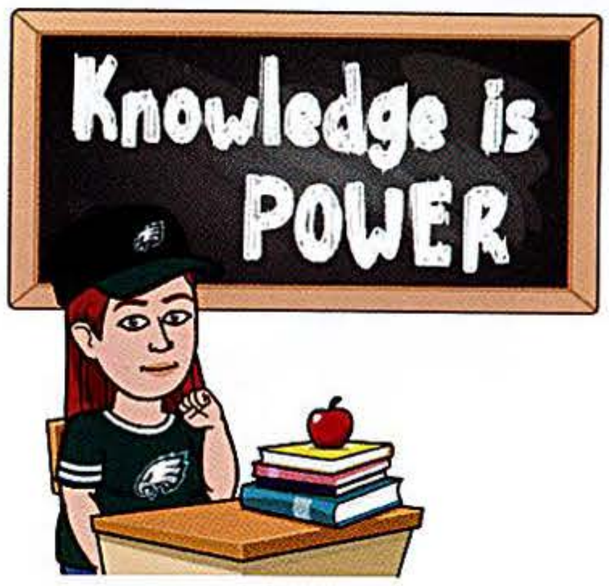
FROM:
San Diego, CA

TO:
Phoenix, AZ

BOARDING PASS



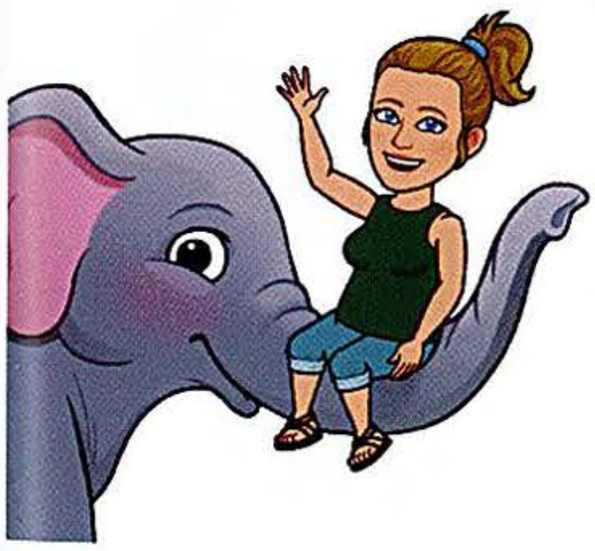
Aloha


Knowledge is POWER

hey.

UR LIT

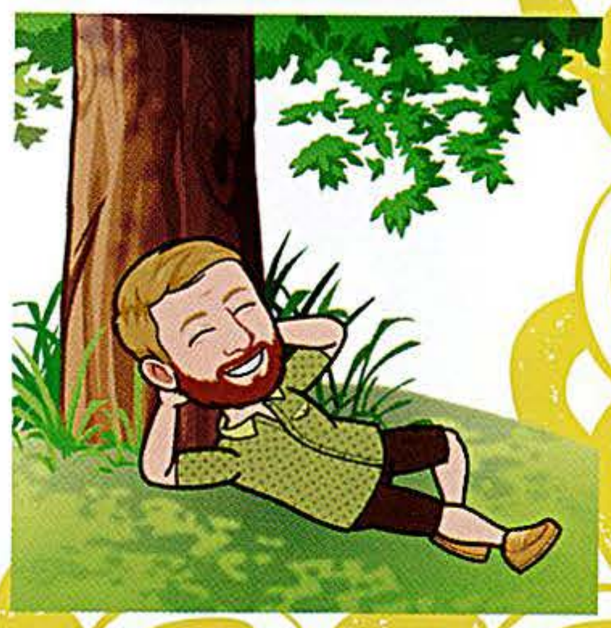
CHILL OUT DUDE!



BLACK LIVES MATTER

Hi!

HOT DIGGITY



BOARDING PASS

Students Bitmoji

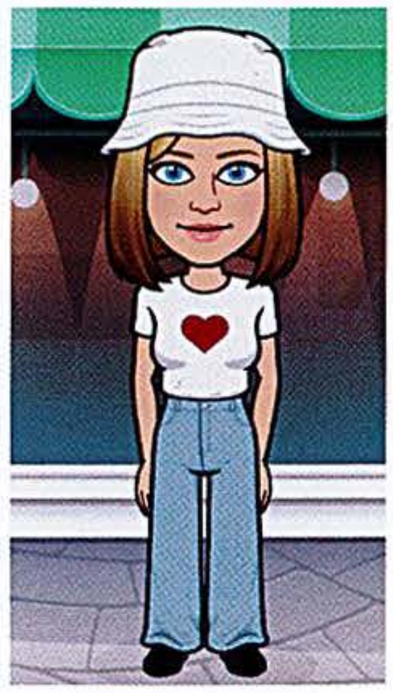
FROM:
Phoenix, AZ

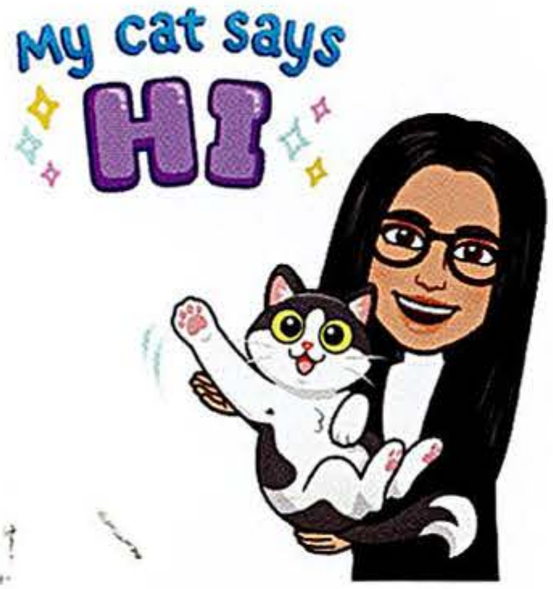
TO:
Austin, TX

BOARDING PASS

Comedy
LEGEND

Hi!

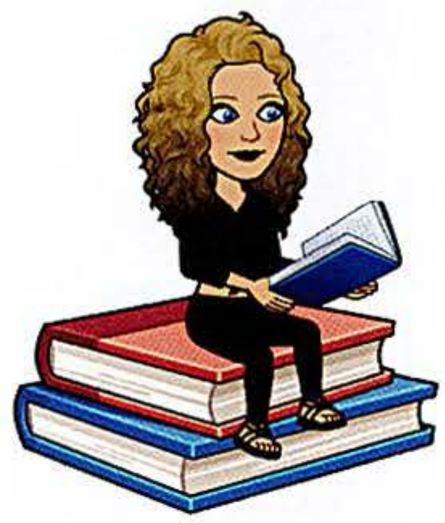



My cat says
HI

HELLO
FRIEND!

DREAM
BIG

HELLO



WEAR YOUR
MASK

HAVE A
NICE DAY

How's
it
Hangin

OBVI

BOARDING PASS

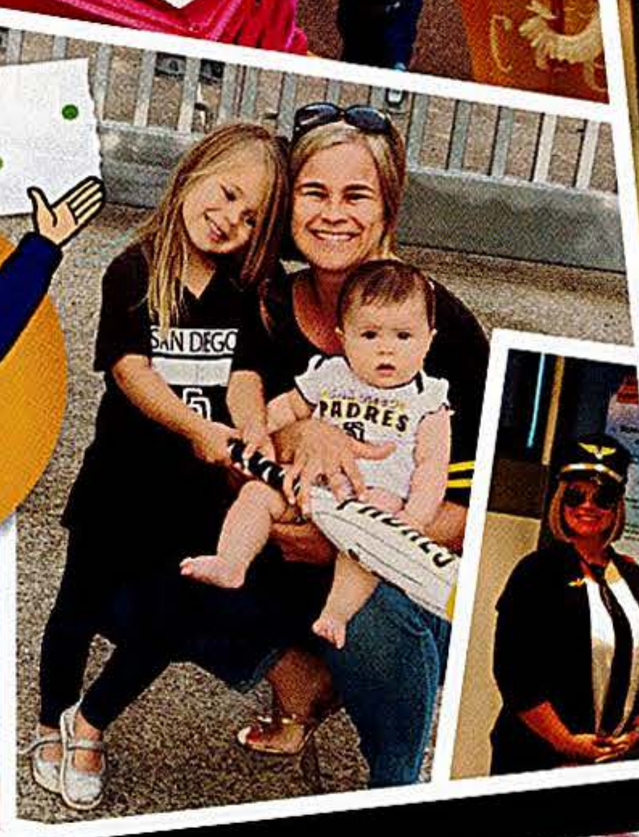
Bon Voyage Courtney

Enjoy your new adventure!

FROM:
Phoenix, AZ

TO:
San Diego, CA

BOARDING PASS

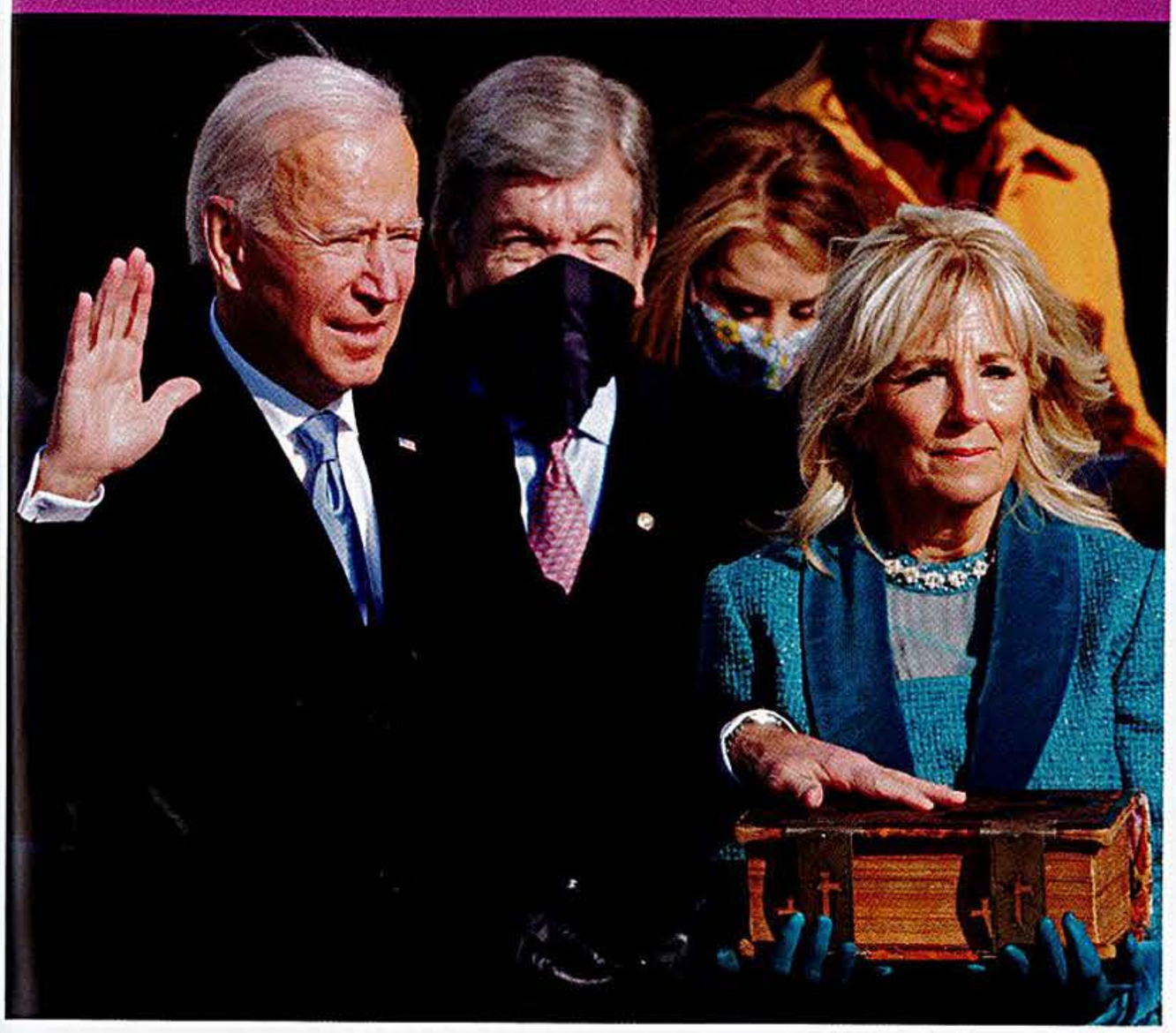


Once a Roadrunner Always a Roadrunner!

INAUGURATION

46TH PRESIDENT

On Jan. 20, 2021, Joseph Robinette Biden, Jr. was sworn in as the 46th President of the United States alongside his wife Dr. Jill Biden. "History, faith and reason show the way, the way of unity," Biden said in his inaugural address.



PURPLE FOR THE INAUGURATION

Vice President Kamala Harris, former First Lady Michelle Obama and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton all wore shades of purple to the inauguration. The sartorial statement of mixing political party colors, red and blue, evoked a sense of solidarity, bipartisanship and unity.

HIGHEST-RANKED WOMAN

Vice President Kamala Devi Harris became the highest-ranking elected woman in U.S. history. She was also the first Black American and first person of South Asian descent to be elected to the nation's second-highest office.

YOUNGEST POET

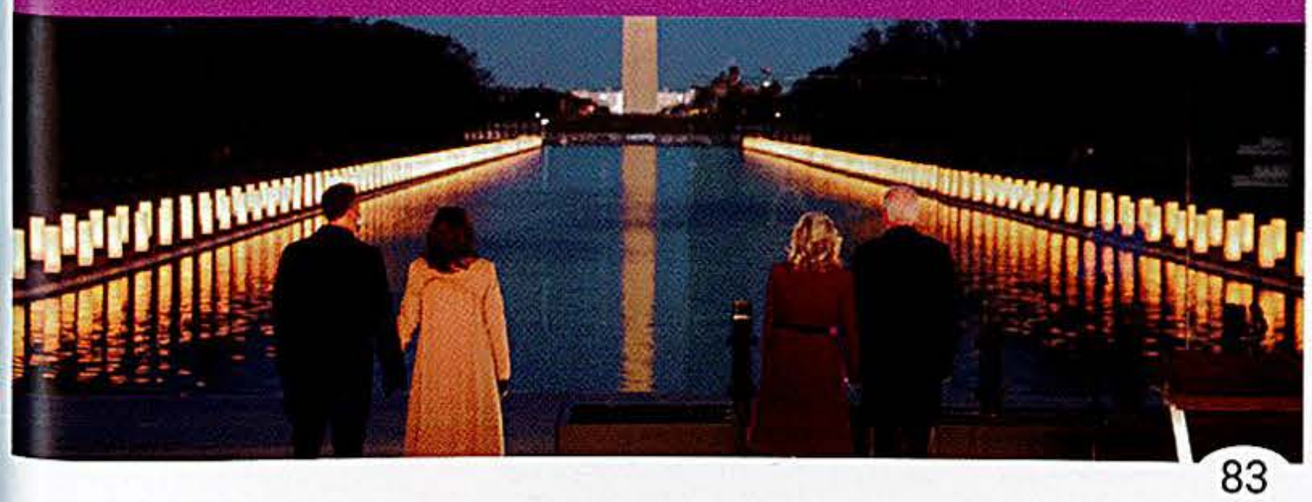
Amanda Gorman, 22, became the youngest poet to recite at the inauguration in U.S. history. Her poem *The Hill We Climb* echoed President Biden's message of unity at the ceremony.

MITTEN MEMES

Memes of Bernie Sanders sitting with his arms and legs crossed during the inauguration flooded social media. Sanders raised $1.8 million for charity selling merchandise bearing the image. Vermont second-grade teacher, Jennifer Ellis, made the mittens for Sanders in 2016 from repurposed wool sweaters.

WE MUST REMEMBER

Four-hundred lights surrounded the Lincoln Memorial reflecting pool in remembrance of the 400,000 lives lost to COVID-19. "This is an iconic vista of heroes and honor, and of memorialization," University of Connecticut history professor Micki McElya said.



TRUMP DEPARTURE

President Donald Trump became the fourth office holder to not attend his successor's inauguration, the first in more than 150 years. "The President wrote a very generous letter," Biden later told reporters. In 1989, Ronald Reagan started the tradition of leaving a letter on the Resolute Desk in the Oval Office.

DEATH OF AN ICON

Ruth Bader Ginsburg died from complications of pancreatic cancer at the age of 87. Nominated in 1993 by President Bill Clinton, she was the second woman to serve on the Supreme Court and championed the way for women's rights.

HISTORIC OIL PRICES

On Apr. 20, in a historic first, U.S. crude oil prices dropped from $18 a barrel to a negative $38. Producers ran out of space to store the crude oversupply caused by the coronavirus crisis.

OFFICIALLY RETIRED

Mississippi's flag, the last in the nation featuring the Confederate battle insignia, was officially retired. The new design flew for the first time at its state capitol on Jan.11.

IMPEACHMENT HISTORY

President Trump became the first president in U.S. history to be impeached twice. In 2020, he was impeached for "abuse of power and obstruction of Congress." In 2021, he was impeached for "incitement of insurrection" relating to the Capitol riots on Jan. 6. The Senate acquitted him on both occasions.

CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

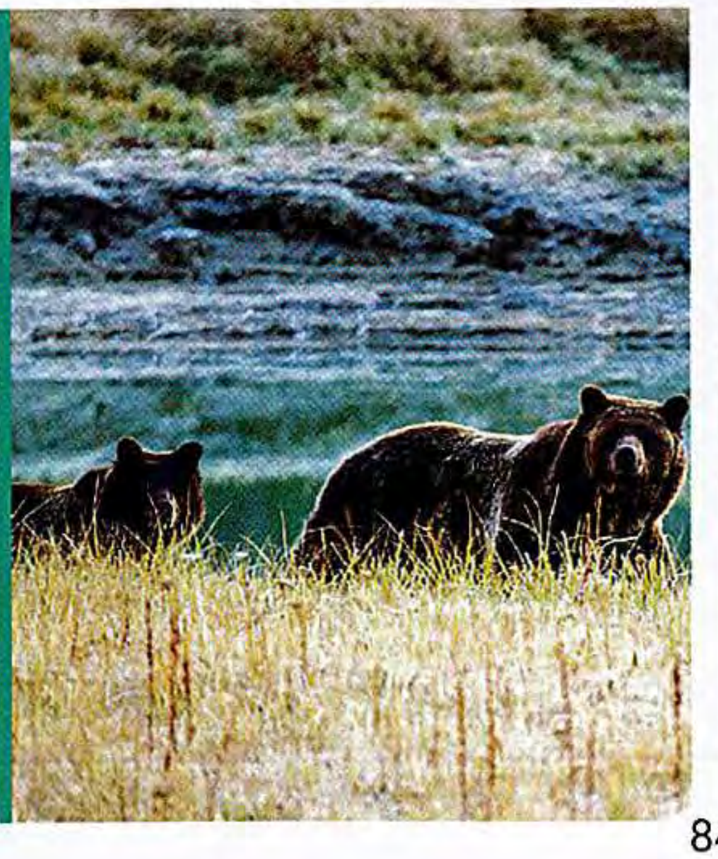
An estimated 4.2 million acres burned in California throughout 2020, causing 33 fatalities and damaging more than 10,000 structures, making it the worst fire season ever.

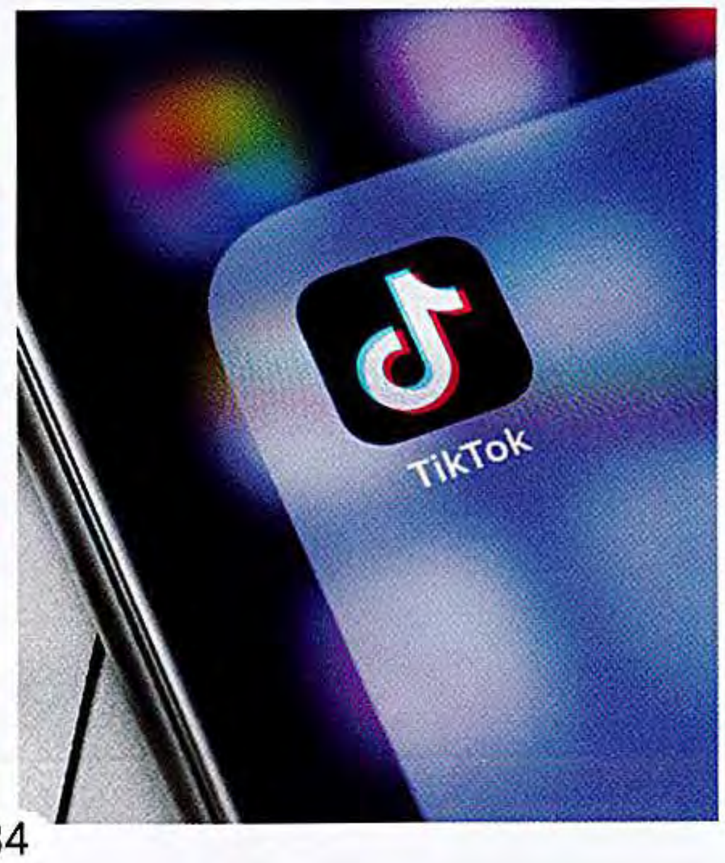
CAPITOL RIOTS

On Jan. 6, rioters attacked the U.S. Capitol disrupting the Electoral College vote count during a joint session of Congress. Rioters intended to prevent the certification of President-elect Joe Biden's victory. The assault led to the evacuation and lockdown of the Capitol, as well as five deaths. Congress reconvened later that evening and certified the results.

GRIZZLY BEARS PROTECTED

The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Yellowstone grizzly bears must remain protected under the Endangered Species Act. The ruling also required a commitment to increase population size to ensure long-term viability.





TIKTOK TAKEDOWN

President Trump attempted to ban the video-sharing, social media platform, TikTok, by invoking a national economic emergency, citing national security reasons. A federal judge blocked the attempt, granting temporary reprieve to the app with more than 100 million users in the U.S.

2020 KIDS' CHOICE AWARDS

Favorite Music Group:
BTS

Favorite Animated Movie:
Frozen 2

Favorite Kids TV Show:
Henry Danger

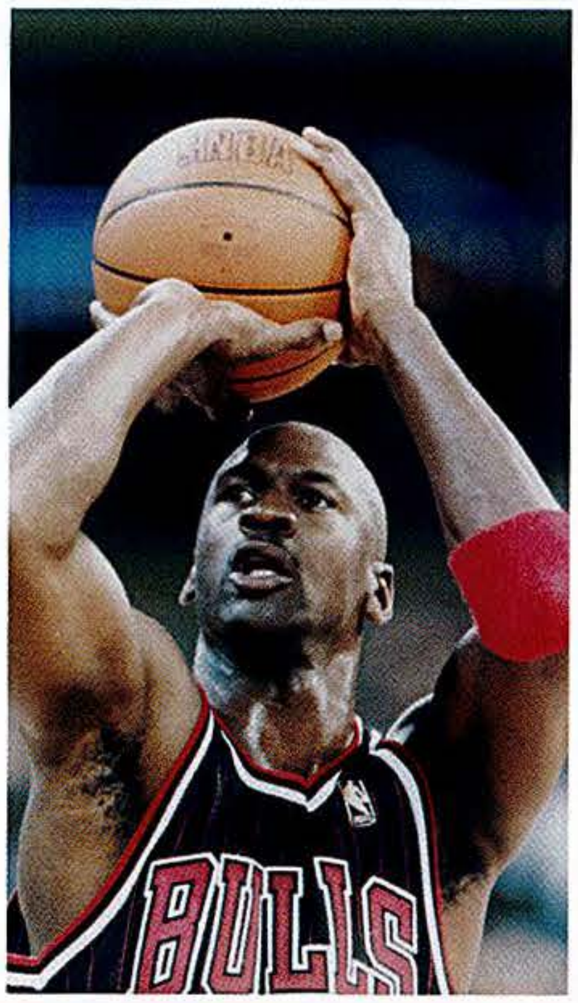
Favorite Superhero:
Tom Holland

PAC-MAN TURNED 40

Released in Japan on May 22, 1980, video game Pac-Man offset the trend of violent games marketed to boys with a mesmerizing maze option appealing to girls and non-gamers.

THE LAST DANCE

A 10-part documentary series chronicling Michael Jordan and the 1997-98 Chicago Bulls released to Netflix and the ESPN app. The series shared never-before-seen footage and interviews with people close to the team.

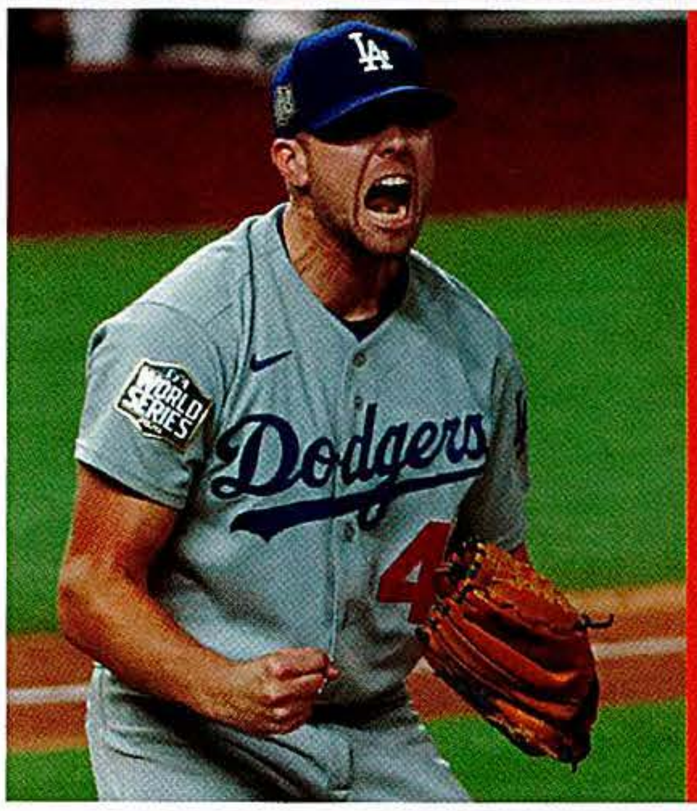


REEL USERS IN

In August, Instagram released a new feature: Reels, allowing users to record and edit 15-second multi-clip videos. With audio, effects and creative tools, the platform gave users new ways to express themselves.

SUPERBOWL LV

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers defeated the Kansas City Chiefs 31-9, giving Tom Brady seven Super Bowl wins and five Most Valuable Player recognitions.



WORLD SERIES CHAMPS

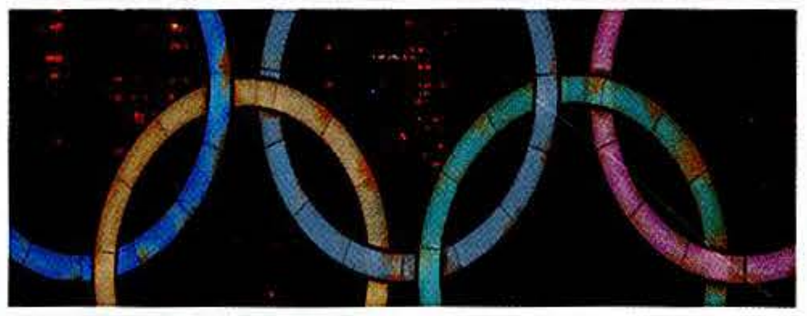
For the first time since 1988, The Los Angeles Dodgers won the World Series. The team beat the Tampa Bay Rays, 3-1 in Game 6. Los Angeles Dodgers shortstop Corey Seager was named Most Valuable Player.

SEVENTEEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Los Angeles Lakers defeated the Miami Heat, 106-93, in Game 6 of the NBA Championship, tying the Boston Celtics for the most NBA Championships in history.

FREE CLIMB

Emily Harrington became the first woman to free-climb El Capitan in a single day. Only three others have crossed the milestone — and they were all men.



OLYMPICS POSTPONED

The COVID pandemic forced officials to postpone the Games of the XXXII Olympiad until the summer of 2021. The Tokyo games marked the first rescheduling of the modern-day Olympics since World War II.

YEAR IN REVIEW

COVID-19 TIMELINE

JANUARY 21, 2020

First positive U.S. coronavirus case reported.

JANUARY 9, 2020

World Health Organization (WHO) announced the mysterious coronavirus-related pneumonia in Wuhan, China.

FEBRUARY 3, 2020

U.S. declared public health emergency.

MARCH 11, 2020

WHO declared COVID-19 a pandemic.

MARCH 13, 2020

Trump declared travel ban on non-U.S. citizens traveling from Europe.

MARCH 26, 2020

Congress passed CARES Act to aid hospitals, small businesses and state and local government.

MAY 28, 2020

U.S. COVID-19 deaths surpassed 100,000.

JUNE 10, 2020

U.S. COVID-19 cases reached 2 million.

JULY 9, 2020

WHO announced COVID-19 can be airborne and may be spread by asymptomatic individuals.

JULY 27, 2020

Senate introduced HEALS act to provide second stimulus and more money for small businesses.

AUGUST 17,2020

COVID-19 listed as the third-leading cause of death in the U.S.

SEPTEMBER 28, 2020

Global COVID-19 deaths surpassed 1 million.

OCTOBER 2, 2020

President Trump and First Lady Melania tested positive.

OCTOBER 19, 2020

Global cases reached 40 million.

OCTOBER 22, 2020

FDA approved Remdesivir, the first antiviral drug for the treatment of COVID-19 requiring hospitalization.

DECEMBER 10, 2020

FDA authorized vaccine developed by Pfizer and BioNTech for emergency use.

DECEMBER 21, 2020

New variant of COVID-19 circled the UK.

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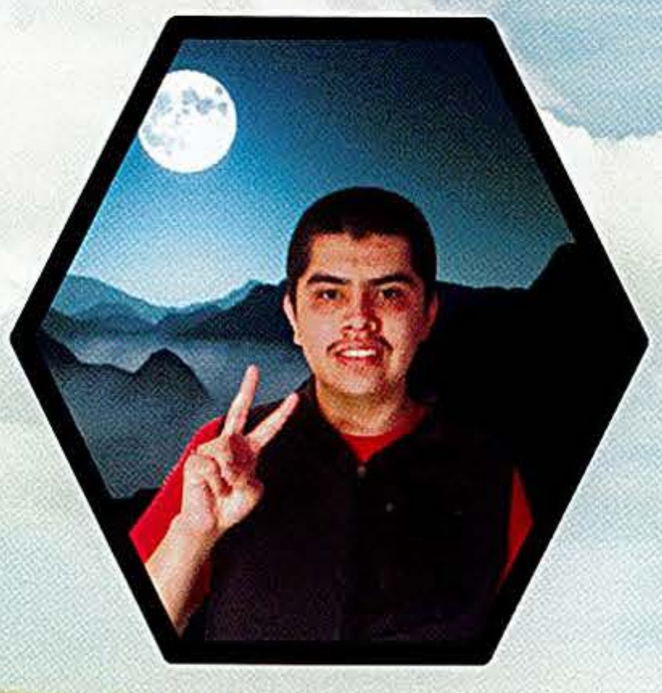

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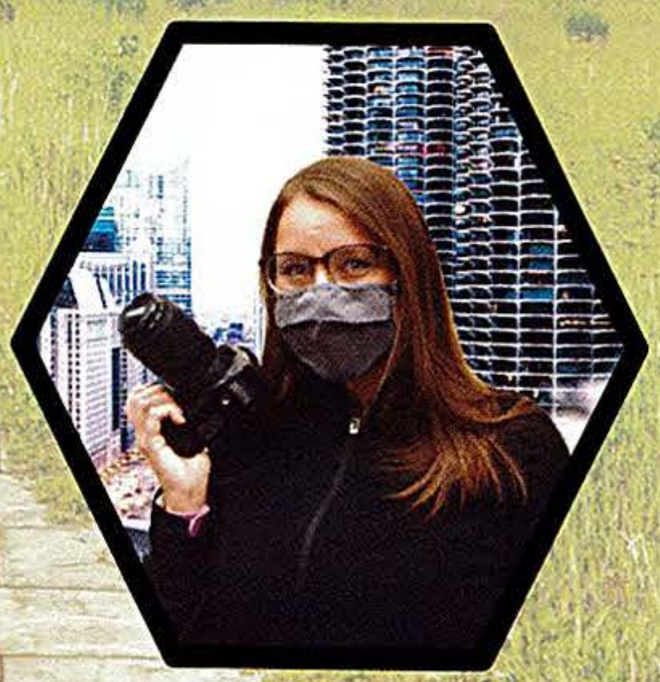

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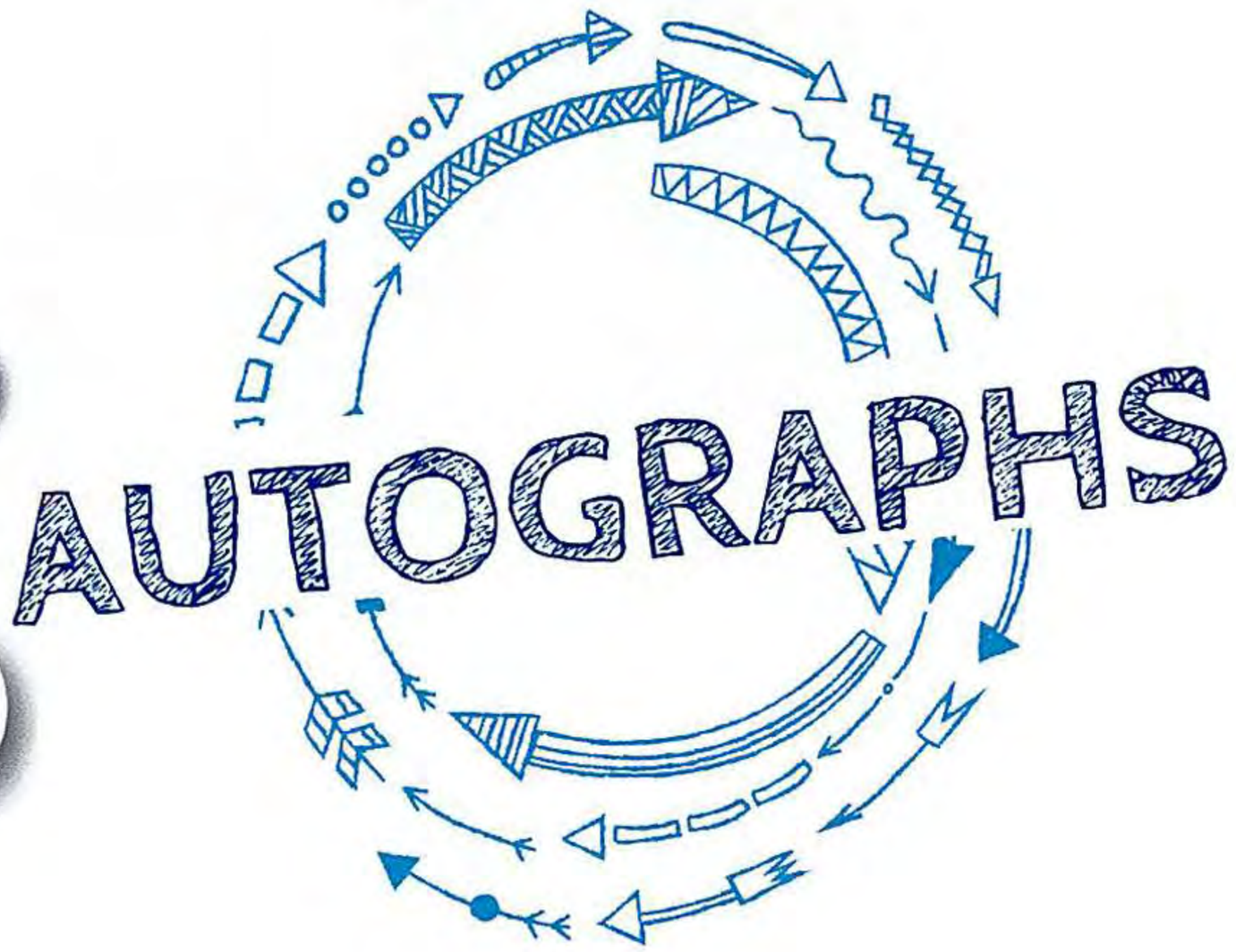
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